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THE SECOND PART OF THE RENOWNED Historie of *Fragosa* King of *Aragon.*

Together with the strange fortunes and
heroycall deedes performed by his three
Sonne, and the worthy president of
Loue in his faire daughter

F L E R M I A.

Right pleasant for the aged to drive away Melan-
choly thoughts, and profitable for the young
to behold the often variacions
of the fickle World.

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as seen with optical aids, probably because the *Spumellaria* are not easily seen with the naked eye.

and the scutellum of large oilseed beetles (e.g. *Tribolium confusum*, *T. castaneum*, *T. pallidum*, *T. castaneum* and *T. confusum*).

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ANSWERED

3. Quid biologorum huius, & quid biologum
3. est, undeque?



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Renowned Historie of the Children of *Fragosa*,
entituled, the Mirroure of Magnanimitie,
and *Cupids conquest*.

CHAP. I.

Of the sorrow that was made by the Queene and her
Ladies, when they heard of the imprisonment of
false Albina and Dorofa: also the letters that Albina
sent to the false acculer Mordeno, and to Dorofa,
beeing in the Dungeon: with other things that hap-
pened.



Soone were the messengers returned, and the proceedings of Albinaes imprisonment blazza abroad in the Court, and come vnto the Ducas eare, but shee surprised with an extreame sorrow, fell into a swoond, all supposing shee had beene dead: this caused such a adies, that there was nothing weeping and sad lamentations, as, others greateing for the
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Duene extremitie, and all sorrowing for the offence
which they imagined Dorosa had committed. The
Duene at length being come to her selfe, and not able to
conceale her anguish, with an extreame sigh, breathed
forth these complaints: Ay my Ladies, why did you not
suffer me quietly to depart, rather then to liue in this
Ocean of unsuppoſable passions? for what pleasure can
remane to me in life, ſeing I am deprived of her which
was the onely ioy and comfort of mine age? Ah my louely
daughter Albina, the hope of whom was the onely sup-
porter of my ſiluer haireſ; happy had I bene if I had di-
ed in thy child bed, or thou perished in thy birth, and well
may I wish, that the day of thy nativitie had bene the
terme of thy life. Alas, muſt my greatest blisſe prove my
greatest bale, my chiefeſt delight prove my deepest diſcon-
tent, and the diſgrace of my family with graue bring me to
my graue? O Albina, hane I liued to ſee theſe thus con-
uict of iſamie, and muſt mine eyes behold the diſolu-
tion of thy body, and due execution for thy former follies?
Alas, too ſevere a ſentence for ſo ſweet a Saint: too ſharpe a
doome for ſo beautiull a Damoſell, and too truell a iudge-
ment of a Father againſt his childe. Oh unforuinate Do-
roſa! whose laſcivious treachery hath poſonede the haugh-
tineſſe of thy valour, and whose aſpiring wickedneſſe
hath wrought thine owne conuictiōn. If heretofore againſt
our auncient and maleuolent enemie the Turke, thou
diddest vs any ſervice worthy of honour, now haſt thou
with great wrong reuenged thy ſelfe, by taking from vs
that good which thou canſt never reſtoze: but let this ſu-
ſice, that for thy diſordered dealing thou ſhalt receive ſuch
condigne punishment, as that remaine for a perpetuall re-
membrance. If the Duene took the cauſe thus gra-
uouſly, no leſle was the ſorrow of the Prince Feraro, for
the miſdemeanour of Dorosa, whom above all other he lo-
ued moſt entirily: and likewiſe for his ſister Albina, and
being thus ſad and peniſue, he walked into the Gardens
adjoyning



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adioyning to the Tower, where Albina was impreſoned: thus chewing vpon his melancholynge paſſions, he heard Albina, who haſing underſtood the hard censure of her faſher, ſet into theſe conplaints, Oh heauenly Creſt of all things! what is there in this life, but ſorrow and an-guish of minde? no ſomer am I free from the rock of Sicilia, but I ſink into the gulf of Charibdis, no ſomer deliuered from the diſordinate loue of that cursed Mahumatiff, but I perish through the ennie of a wicked Athiell. Alas Albina, under the influence of what ſinifer aspect werſt thou borne? what unforuinate Planet had domination at the time of thy nativity? Oh cruell deſtenies! thus to ti-rranize and triumph ouer the innocent and guiltleſſe! Oh cruell Mordeno, what furiousneſſe hath poſſeſſed thy ſoule, that thou cauſt thus ſwear and forswear in ſo false ac-accuſation. Alas Mordeno, hath too much loue made thee mad, or zealousie ſo long ledged in thy breaſt, that it hath bereaued thee of thy ſenſes? Wilt thou either force me to loue or ſeke by thy villary to ſpill my bloud? But where-in hath Dorofa offendēd thee? hath he in hazarding his owne life, in defending of thee, thy poſſeſſions, and all Hun-garia from deſtruction, deſeruened ſuch an untimely death? Alas Dorofa, that I loued thee I confeſſe, yet thy deſerts were greater then my loue: but God knoweth that I never had either ſuch thought or iwiſh of uncleaneneſſe, as I am traſterouely accuſed, yea and already condeſned and iudged of: more grieſe vnto me is the danger of thy life, then the ſull expeſting of my ſpedie death: but death ſhall be the end of my ſorrows, and death is the leſſe grieſe in that I die an Innocent, and for ſo vertuous a Gentleman as thy ſelfe; whose loue toward me how great it was I might well perceiue, yet did neuer any mo-tion thereoſ proceeds forth thy lips. Oh King my faſher, thou puttest to death thine owne flesh and bloud, upon false and ſubboyned accuſations. Oh Prince Feraro, thy ſister Albina who hath loued thee as her life, and bene as

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þaere unto thie as thine owne soule, must die a most infamis and reproachfull death, innocent of the crime, yet condemned by rigour: yea, and with me must thou lose thy faithfull Pylades, thy trusty Damon, thy noble friend Dorosa, he which defended thy life from that monstrous Mordaco. Oh Queen my mother, your daughter Albina which was the only comfort of your life, must die through the false protestations of that cursed Mordeno. Thus clasping her armes together, being conuinced with heauiness, I leave the extremitie of her griefe to them that haue tasted the like mishap. Feraro having all this while hearkened to the sad lamentation of his sorrowfull sister, with the teares falling from his eyes, haue uttered these speches. Alas Feraro, how is thy heart overcharged with griefe at the hard hap of thy friend: is it possible that this should be an inuented and an intended mischiefe of the Duke: yea, no doubt it is no otherwise. Why Feraro, though his accusation be true, yet why shouldest thou not endeavour, labour, yea and strive with maine and might, to mittigate the rigour of thy Fathers sentence: A perfect friend Feraro, should be like the bird Ibis, which the longer it liueth the sweter it smelleth, or like the Glasseworme which shineth most bright in the darke. Why then Feraro, leave no meanees untrayled, or danger unattempted to purchase their liberty: yea, if it be with hazard of thine owne life: soz if he voluntarily by the aduenture of his person, delivred them and all Hungaria from waine, why shouldest not thou with the like kinnesse requite his actions: yea, let Fortune doe her woorke, hap what hap may, I will either free them from this perill, or my selfe will make the thid in this tragedie. Whyle Feraro rested in this determination, Albina having breathed her selfe after her complaints, taking Pen and Inke, wroote these letters following.

To

of Fragoſa, and his three Sonnes.

To the wicked Mordeno, shame to his person, hatred to his conditions, confusion to his substance, and endless torments to his guiltie Conscience.

Mordeno, haddeſt thou beſt as valiant, as thou art villainous, or as vitorious, as thou art vicious, we had in the late warres been in leſſe danger of our enemis, and thou gayned moze fame for thy worthiſter, which is nothing but a heape of cowardize: by the fruit Mordeno is the tree knowne; thy blosome was faire, but thy fruit like the Apple of Asia, more bitter then gall, and the tree can be no other but a ſtalle of peſtilence. O thy damned Caitife, with what eyes canſt thou beholde the wylting of her that ſex into thy heart, where nothing remaineth but herte, and nothing loogeth in thy entrailles but heapes of crueltie. If thou thinkſt Mordeno that I loued Doroth, ſmall hope haddeſt thou to obtaine my liuing, unleſſe thou thinkſt me like the ſwifte Wallow, that changed all her old gold for new glaſſe, or to reſemblis the fithis to wins, which leauē the cleane ſreame to drinke in ſoule puddles: but haddeſt thou intended to gaine my loue, thou ſhouldſt not thus haue gone the wrong way to the wood, but haue remembred ther is a time that the Lamb will ſtike the Wolves eare, Gutta cauat lapidem non vi ſed ſepe cadendo, in time the neweſt Swallows climeth the highest tree: What Mordeno, art thou ſo ſimpli, that thou thinkſt to catch a Hare with a Tabor: tufh the Foxe will eat no Grapes, and thou ſhadowing a faire ſhew vnder a ſoule prefet, wilt ſtike by peturie to cut a way Albina, in that thou thinkſt her no lettice for thy lips: yet know Mordeno that ſome escape after the Philiftian hath given his iudgement to the contrary, and the Patient is oft-times nigher death, when he thinketh himſelfe past his diſease: this I ſay, in that according to the old

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many things happen betwans the cup and the lip, and that which is looked for of many, is never done of any: then know Morden, that I am not so farr past but I may escape, nor thou so secure from danger, but spedie Death may stand at the doore: thus hoping the one, and expecting the other, I wish thee faire euill.

By the trayterously accused,
the chaste Albina.

To the worthie Dorosa, release of imprisonment, triall of
innocencie, encrease of honour, and end-
lesse felicitie.

HOW hard thy imprisonment comes to thy person, or with what patience thou sustaineſt thy affliction, I know not, but being a chauncy most suddaine, so ſuch vnderþtakē events are all other most ſtrange: thou art innocent of the crime, and I ſuppoſe thou ignorant of the cause, but this is but a tragedie invented by Jealousie, intended by enuie, and performed by perfidious villainie. But Dorosa ſeeing the deſtineies haue allſigned this doome, and ſuſpition ſo well played the Dratour, as he hath pro cured the ſentencē of guilt: bears thy ſorow with the moze pa tience, in that the cauſe commeth of affection, and thou haſt an equall partaker in thy affliction. A fire deuided into two parts, burneth leſſe vehemently: the burthen of Atlas laid on the ſhoulders of many, ſcarmeth leſſe weightis: Ixeons labour would haue borne the lighter if Iuno had endured the like punishment, Solamen miseris ſocios habetis doloris. It is a comfort to haue a fellow in miserie. And Dorosa let this imprisonment ſceme the leſſe loath ſome ſince thou ſufferest the ſame for thy ſuppoſed Louer: but alas Dorosa, how ſhould Albina play the Phisitian, ſeing her owne diſease is paſt cure: how ſhould I pro cure the

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thy safety, being my ſelue beyond all hope of ſafeguard, or comfort another, and remaine conforſtlesſe my ſelue. Is it not a common ſaying, Medice cura teipſum, firſt caſt the moate out of thine owne eye: then, ſeeing I can helpe thee with nothing but prayres, nor caſe my paſſions with nothing but patience, I haue wriuen this Letter, to ſignifie why thou art reſtraineſt of thy liberty, and what iudgement is pronounced againſt thee. Know then that Mordeſo hath by faineſt accuſations, and falſe Daſhes accuſed vs of oulēartneſſe, and the King giuen ſentences of death, according to the lawe in that caſe prouided. I am partaker of the iudgement, and am like to endure this iniuſtie the fellow in priſonment, and thy Louer until death. Let it then ſuffice thee, to know for certaintie that which hitherto hath bene beſtowen by ſignes, that Abins bane the bath leaueth her ſince the firſt ſaw her, will trauaile thy Louer during her life, and to bear her compaie, shall reſt contented with her death: thus praying for iuſtice, more ſorrowfull for thy danger, then her owne diſtrefe: Farewell.

Thine living and dying
the ſorrowfull Abins.

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CHAP. II.

How Feraro being in discontent and griefe, for his sister Albina, and his trustie friend Dorosa, rode forth and met with a Knight called Corrillus, who was sonne vato the Duke Plato, and how he declared vato him that Donusillo had slaine himselfe, and of the warre that the Duke of Muscouis made against Polonis, for the loue of faire Flermia, and of other accidents.



Albina having written these Letters, she sent them by her Damasell, who sumerately driveth the scull vnto Mordeno, who althoough he were coucht to the quicks, yet in the murthering carelesse of her fauants, in that he gaveth vnto gracie lawes after her untimely death, tooke the Letter, teareit in pieces, and cast the same into the fire: then the Damasell going toward the dungeon, caused the other scull to be delivred to Dorosa, who having opened the same, and perceiued the effect, understanding the loue of the Princesse, and the extreame danger wherin they both remained, sending forth wallees of sighes, and rending his comely lockes of haire so veray anguish of minde, bedowling his cheeke with a weare of brinell teares, he fell into these complaints.

Oh miserable Dorosa, thy misfortunes are more then thy yeares, and thy punishment beyond all meane. O unhappy Caitiff, what hast thou to doe, but lament when thine euill sorte yelds nothing but cause of lament? Why shoulde thy life last, to endure these tormentes, and not rather to dissolue into vnsene Essences?

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¶ Cruell Fortune, that thus fauortest all thy pleasure at such a costlye price, thou shewest me a faire picture, but drawne with an infectious paint: and in stead of Roses, thou giuest me a Rose-gar of Nettles. ¶ Deceitfull ſtrumper, that for a faire Apple giuest me the bitter ſweete, in stead of an Appel thou preſentest me with a Sonake, and in offering to hiffnes, thou giuest me the ſtabbe. ¶ World, thou haſt ſo ſhort continuances in thy banities, that thou leadest all wandring in bittelenes, from a Prince thou diuertest abafe me to a Peasant, and for faire Gardens, ſtately Palaces, and large poſſeſſions, thou committest me to filthie lodgings, a ſoule dun-geon, and loathſome ſauour: Alas Dorofa, how is thy delight ſoſſened with diſcontent, thy hony miſt with gall, the ſugge mingled with ſalt, and thy ſweete ſyrop with moſt bitter Aloue: But alas Dorofa, haſt thou a compa-ñion in miſerice, you ſuch a one as is not a comfort, but a coroſiſe to thy beaſt, not a ſalve to thy ſore, but a ſuſtet to thy ſoule, nor a pill to diſgref thy diſcontent, but a plague to procure thy ſorrow.

Alas Albina, would my thraldom might purchaſe thy libertie, my death ransome thy life, and my re-proach redeme thee from the like. ¶ Cursed King, haue I preſerued thy eſtate, and reſcued thy life, to cauile the deſtruacion of my ſelfe. ¶ Oh vakinde Father, to giue ſo cruelle a censure upon ſo vertuous a childe. ¶ Oh wicked Morden, that through thy periclye procureſt the death of the rareſt creature under the whole circuit of the heauens, with thiſ being conuincid with the extremitieſ of his ſorowes, the abundance of his teates ſtop-ped the paſſage of his ſpeech. All thiſ while, Feraro reſting in hiſ dumpe of diſcontent, drauſing ihat meaneſſe were helpe to be uſed, for the ſpoudiſt delinieris of hiſ friends, and being thus ſad and peniſue, calling for hiſ Hackney, hee rode abroade into the fields, thinking eþer to haue hiſ malecontent in obliuion, or finde ſome

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medicine to release their malitidue: while he was thus riding an easie pace, there buer took him a knyght errant, one that has vowed to consummate his life in tra-
valles, either to winne himselfe a name by pioning
strange aduentures, or to delight his humour with view-
ing the scituacion of pleasant Countries. This knyght
seeing the Prince in such costly attire, presently supposed
him to be some mighty Lord in that Country; and hauing
givēn him a most courteous salutation beholding the map
of sozrolo p̄trayed in his hawle, fell into these spe-
ches.

Worshy knyght, the heauynesse of your countenance
deciphering the hardnesse of your hap, and the image of
grieſe seated in your face, bewrayeth the Chaos of vexa-
tions which are lodged in your breake, the sight whereof
hath taken ſuch effectuall iuſtice in my heart, that I am
already full competitor of my waſs, and being the docteſſe
of every woxby knyght, to aide the distressed, and to
their power to minister comfort to the affliſed, ſo I per-
ceining by your outward looke, a ſure ſigne of your in-
ward ſorow, if it pleafe you to maniſt the cauſe, I
ſhoulde not onely think my ſelfe bound to requite your
courteſie, but to my abilitie remains ready to reuele
your grieſe, or with my aduice perſuade you ſoꝝ the beſt,
or if neither of theſe can p̄ueniale to be partaker of the
anguylie of your minde. Feteris hearing him proceſſe
in theſe friendly tearynes, replied in this manner.
Sir knyght, and my very god friend, as the hew of my
face bewrayeth the greatnesſe of grieſe, ſo it is ſo much
the greater, in that I finde no cauſe to hinder the effect
of my ſorow, which is no other, but onely ſoꝝ the danger
of certayne of my friends (more dāre unto me then mine
owne life) by a conceiued diſpleaſure againſt them by the
King my Father: ſoꝝ which, I ſe no meaneſ of redreſſe,
untill the Almighty mollifie his minde, or Fortune her
ſelfe procure remedie. Thus hauiing in breue fulfilled
your

Your request ſo your regularification I leave your name,
your Countrey, and kindred, and withall the cauſe that
thus procureth your trauaile: this ſaide, the Knight pro-
ceded in this manner.

Gracious Prince, althoſh to recite my kindred is
but to take fire out of the cinders, and in reheatting my
Country and cauſe of my trauaile: I may ſay with Ene-
as, Infandum iubet renouare dolorum: Yet leau I ſhould
yfther ſeeme ingratefull for your kinde anſwer, or to pro-
mife much and perſorme little, attend the diſcourse of my
enſuing tale, and you ſhall be ſuſt certiſied: firſt under-
ſtand, that the famous King Fragoſt of Aragon, had in
his life time thre ſonnes, and one onely daughter, who
Languenſ in extremitate ſuper lectum, bequeathed his
Crownes and dignitie to Donvallo the eldeſt, an unlike
ſaint of ſuch a ſtrock, one as full fraught with vices, as e-
uer the father was filled with vertues: to the other two
young Princes, children of great hope of future honours;
to the eldeſt of the twaine he gaue the Dukedom of Lo-
rina, and therewithall forty thouſand Duckets to be paid
out of the treaſurie, committing his education and bring-
ing up, together with the reuuenewes of his ſoſe ſaid
Dukedom, to the Earle Plauto my Father: to the o-
ther brother he bequeathed the Castle and Towne of
Dorto like wife, with fifty thouſand crownes to be paid
out of the Coles of Aragon: to his daughter Fictoria he
gaue forty thouſand pound, with charge that ſhee ſhould
be tranſported unto her Aunt, the Queene of Poland,
which was immediately perſormed, and where ſhe now
remaineth: now ſoone after the kings deceaſe, the ſecond
brother being under the tutiōn of my Father, was ſolne
away and muſthered, as we ſuppoſe by the ſubtiltie and
treafon of his brother then King: ſince which time he
was never knowne nor heard of. This young Duke be-
ing thus loſt, my Father who loued him moſt tenderly,
in the bitterness and anguish of his minde, cauſed to be
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fought throughout all that Country, but all in vain, it
was but lost labour, they sought but him among the living, which was consorted with the dead. But now Don-
vallo the King, seeing this, counterfeited a mighty discontent, yet his griefe was not so great, but he could quickly
seize both his possessions and treasures into his owne
hands: and not content with this, caused my Father to
be appprention of treason, for the death of his brother:
and thus in hysse dispatched him of his life. And this
done, he likewise seized all his livings as forfeitt to his
Maiesie: now not long after, leyning great sorrow for
the losse of the one brother, he would never haue the o-
ther, who was then kept by the Marquelle of Rino into
his owne hands: and haueing his desire therein satisfied,
caused him not long after to bee likewise done away.
Now this being full eight yeres past, after which time
I being come unto mans estate, sued by entreaty that he
would restore the former honours of my Fathers house;
which he taking in displeasure, did not onely make flat an-
swers to the contrarie, but according to his wonted cru-
eltie, did soz ever banishe me the Country. This I say is
the efficient cause of my travaille: but now not long since,
as I am credibly informed, the Nobles of his Kingdome
noting his misdemeanours, rebels against him, and the
 tenth of this last moneth toyning their Armies in the
field, the King being in the end discomfited, and calling to
minde his former massacres, which he many waies com-
mitted, flew himselfe. Now is the young Princeesse heire
apparent to the Crowne, the most vertuous and exqui-
site Lady this day living, and is yet remaining in Po-
lonia, and for her sake and her Cosen, the Kings daughter,
likewise heire to her Father, and in beauty not much in-
ferior to the other, doe the Grand Duke of Musconia,
wage wares against Polonia, desirous to haue the one of
them the beautifull Flemia, and the other to enjoy the

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Princesſe Lucibella, daughter to the King of Polond: for this, I ſay, is all that Country begirt with cruell enemies, and great pittie it were two ſuch Princesſes ſhould be ioyned to two ſuch wicked Infidels, whose like are not this day living, and greatly is this ſame to be feared, in that their power is ſo mighty, having alſo in their Arme eight or nine ſtrong and dreadfull Giants; and now althoſh I had onely bent my life to trauaile, hearing hereof, I doe purpoſe to direc my courſe thither, either thereto end the loathſome pilgrimage of my life, or elſe to act ſomething, whereby to recover the reputation of my decayed honours. Thus noble Princesſe haue I fulfilled your demand, concerning my unhappy ſelſe, and that unforuinate Country of Aragon.

CHAP. III.

How Feraro plotted how Dorosa might escape out of prison, and atchieued it, then hee and Dorosa rode to Corrillus, to whom vpon Corrillus ſurmife, Dorosa made himſelfe knowne, and how they trauailed toward Polonia: and how Dorosa writ vnto Androgio king of Hungaria in excuse of faire Albina, & himſelfe.



These reports of the Princesſe Flermia created ſuch new paſſions in the heart of Feraro, as he ſelt in himſelfe the puissance of a little God. Thus being tormented with grife for his friends, and troubled with his new entertained amours toward Flermia, his minde was tranſported into continuall cogitations, firſt remeμbering the noblenesse of her birth: ſecondly, the beauty and vertues which Corrillus ascribed vnto her, and then that ſhe was heire to the whole Kingdome. All these were

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such spottes to a few houre, as he purposed if it were possible to obtaine the faire Flermia to his wife: but when on the other syde hee called to minde his want of knowledge and ignorance in loues affaires, the great Princes which continually vowed their deuotions and seruices to such worthy Ladies: and lastly, the horible warres, and cruell enemis wherein Polonia was besieged, such a quaking feare possessed every sinnew, as if his soule wold immedately haue left the mansion of his body, and flowne forth into the Chilian fields. But while he was thus perplexed in this Chaos of confusid verations, hee sedainely apprehended this device, which was how he might get Dorosa out of prison by some wile, and with him and Corrillus the Aragonian Knight to take his spedy passage into Polonia: resolving likewise with himselfe that Dorosa being escaped out of prison, his Father wold spare to execute his displeasure and hard sentence vpon his sister Albina.

This determination fitting his humour, hee againe began so to continue his talke furthe in this manner. Sir Corrillus, the liking which I haue of your person, together with the desire I haue to see strange and forraigne Countries, and the great commendation and praise which you haue given of that sacred and beautifull Princesse, hath taken such deepe root in my minde, as I will not onely beare you company my selfe, in these trauailes, but will also procure another my especiall god and kinde friend, to doe the like, being a Knight in valour second to none under the circuit of the heauens: hoping that wee shall perforne such deedes of chivalrie, vpon those heathen Cannibals, as their carckasses shall witnesse the worthinesse of our deuots.

Corrillus hearing this, applauding his hap of such god company, embraced Feraro in his armes, offering all thanks for his kindnesse, protesting himselfe his boied friend and servant vntill death. Thus having ended their gratulations, Feraro appointed to call him the next mor-

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ing at a place called Dording, which was about some
thirtie miles from the Kings Court, and with serious pro-
mises of future friendship, they gane each other his fare-
well soz that night, and departed. Corillus being gone,
Feraro hasted presently to the dungeon where Dorosa lay,
and comuning thither, with a faignd excuse he told the ka-
per hee must speake with the prisoner vpon some earnest
businesse from the King; the keeper made no deniall in
this case, but permitted him quietly to enter: where being
within, he found Dorosa so torosome with grieue, and pi-
ned away with sorrow, as it sained impossible to shott a
time, shuld haue bee so strange an alteration. Dorosa
seeing Feraro, came forward to miate him, which the
Prince seeing, with the teares shanding in his eyes, as one
partaker of his grieue, sett about his mite and embrased
him in his armes, in the most kinde order he could devise.
This being done, the Prince declared vnto him what
newes he heard of Corillus, recounting vnto him briesly
from point to point all that he had said: and how he deter-
mined in his person to seeke the Princesse Clermia, and
by a wile helpe him out of prison to be his companion in
this iourney, persuading him also that the King his fa-
ther would cease from any further vengeance toward Al-
bina, he being once escaped. Though Dorosa was abashed
at this tidings, and grieved for the decay of his friends, and
most especially for the cruelty vsed toward the Earle Plau-
to, and his younger brother Pleudippo: yet being cheareed
with hope of present deliverie, and the glory of his ensuing
Kingdome, to the which he now knew himselfe next heire,
promised herein to assist the Prince to the vttermost of his
abilitie.

Thus having resolved vpon their determinate pur-
pose, Feraro left Dorosa in prison, and departed, and fit-
ted himselfe and Dorosa of horses and armour in: the ens-
uing he commannded one of the Grawnes of the Stable to
bryng them into the wood a little beside the dungeon, and

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there to await his comming. All things being thus in a readinesse, about nine of the clocke the Prince went againe to the prison, and comming by the Watch, they knowing him to be the Kings sonne, permitted him quiet passage: but when hee came at the inward gate and demanded the keye of the keeper, he made him absolute answere, that hee neither would or durst let any man enter at such inconuenient houres. The Prince hearing this discourteous answere, fearing his hope should be frustrate, pulled forth his dagger, and stabbed him presently to the heart: then taking the keyes, went boldly into the dungeon, where againe embrasing each other, they came forth atme in arme to the inward gate, where the Porter lay dead, there taking each of them a Halbert, they determined to breake through the Watch by force: but at length Feraro remembraunce a backe doore, they escaped out at the same without making any noyse or rumour, and so going to the place appainted, they presently armed themselves, mounted their Couriers, and departed, making such expedition, that before Phebus had vailed the certaine of the night, they were safely arriued at Dordong, where Corillus lodged, who being not yet vp, Feraro betooke himselfe to his rest, thinking to seale a nap: but Dorola being replete with griefe, and pensius to remembrec the danger imminent over the Princess, writte to the King as followeth.

To the gracious and most mightie Andregio,
King of Hungaria, health, patience,
and peace.

VOrthis King, I writte not as one enclosed in a filthie dungeon, but as a free Libertine, managing his Countier vpon the Plaines, not as slane to the County of Turrains, who as the Duke of Pozena affirme, kepe many better then my selfe, neither as one
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Breading thy power, in that I am already escaped thy scurries, noz as one of thy busiest subiects, but as a fr^e knight at Armes, Prince of Aragon, and heire apparant to the Croune, sonne to the late King of famous memorie Fraga, and brother to the late Donvallo deceased, whose lewd life was as much despised in Aragon, as is death deserved by that false Mordeno in Hungaria. For my deliuerie, I yield praise to the protector of Innocents, & thanks to my noble friend, the Prince Ferare, who hath honourably requited my sojourner aid against the Pagan, and bound me to be his in all friendly amity. Worthy King, my greatest and onely request is this, that your excellent daughter the Princess Albina, may according to Justice, have triall of her innocency, and thinke that all her accusation is nothing but a compacted knavery, or invented villanie, by that wicked and perjured Mordeno; who seeing he could not enjoy her loue, hath by his hatred sought the end of her life, and thinking me to be fauoured by the Princessse, hath secretly intended this balefull tragedie: that I loued her I denie not, yet never further then her honour and my honesty did allowe: looke vpon the clarenesse of her cause, and preferre not wrath before Justice: Haste hastneth woe, Tempus edax rerum, referre all things to Time, and examine her cause by the touchstone of truth: thus wishing Albinaes deliuerie, and your Maiesties endles felicitie, I cease.

Doroſa of Aragon.

THIS Letter being dispatched, Doroſa caused the same with all speed to be conuayed to the King. But as soon as the night exchanged his ſable mantle, and Aurora with bayes bright vefture graced the Orient, Corillus who thought it then to be true mens houre, rowzing himſelfe from his bed came forth out of his Chamber: out of which he was no ſuuer come, but Ferare having shaken off his

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droisie slumber grated him. They having given each other a kinde god-morrow they walked sooth into the hall, where in a malecontented mood they found Dorola in a Chaire, leaning his head upon his hand, where so sone as they were entred Corillus looking stedfastly in his face with more then a curious surview, shadowing his face with a snowy white, an Ocean of brinish teares streamed along his cheakes, which Feraco seeing, bittered these or the like speeches. What how now Corillus? what sorau grieue hath seiz'd upon your heart? that thus in a figure of discontent it couers it selfe with feares? what chare mane effeminiate passions, to laugh and weep ali with one minde full man, let not the remembrance of decated honors procure such vronouth alterations, nor the feare of any future fortunes drave thee into these dispairing dumpes. Nay, Worthy Prince (replied Corillus) it is not the crabbednesse of Fortune (which in time to come may prove as kinde as she hath beeene cruell, in that like Proteus she delighteth in nothing but change) that can thus animate me with sadnessse, or the feare of her issuing stratagems, confound me with sorrow, in that I hold her Deity in contempt, by breaking her thwarts with content, but Noble Prince quoth he, (and there againe with abrupt sighes, making a pauze) it is the remembrance of that lost Prince of whom this knight here present putteth me in minde, in whom appeared the lively spaknes of true curtesie and magnanimity: he which was the perfect image of his vertuous Father, and the only hope of all Aragonia: I meane that young Dorola, whose losse was the death of my Father, the decay of mee his Sonne, and the dissolution of the whole kindred: to remember this I say, produceth not onely the feares from mine cies, but also the warmess and best bloud from my heart.

Dorola seeing Corillus in this agonie of minde, being not able any longer to conceale himselfe, with the teares standing in his eyes, taking and iubacing him in his armes

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armes, hee then vttered these kinde and louing speches. God sciendo Corrillus cheate vp thy selfe, and forcease this extremitie of passions, clere vp thy faithfull heart from these cloudes of impatience, and bury those implacable cruelties of that deceased Donvallo in the loch of obliuion: think no moe of the likensse of Dorosa, but of the loue whiche Dorosa will bearre toward the for thy forswasted aucttie: wepe not to see his person, but reioyce to behold his substance, neither grieue to surnew his picture, but gather courage to imbrace his person, for heare thou Corrillus hast Dorosa, who was committed to thy fathars custodie, made away by cruelty, but conserued by an omnipotent power.

Corrillus hearing him say these wordes, and fully persuading himselfe they were true, imbracing him in his armes, he was so surprised and rauisht with ioy as to a long time he held him fast looking on him, not able to vtter one word: but at length hauing recovered the liberty of his self speches, with many kinde gestures and much pleasant talke, they both began to forget their sorowes. After sundry gratulations on both parties, they set forward on their iourney: in which many relations of their fortunes, and histories of their preter accidents passed between them, cutting Tunes wings, and making the tediousness of their way not at all to be discerned by reason of their pleasant discourses, giving much content unto Ferraro with the varisity of their strange and vnerpected chances.

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How newes was brought *Androgois of Dorosae's* escape, and while hee called his Counsell to aduise what was best to be done, the letter of *Dorosa* was deliuered to the King, whereby he vnderstood of *Dorosae's* birth & parentage, and how the King ordained the accusation should be cleared by battell, and how *Mordeno* provided a huge Gyant for his Champion, with other things that happened.



It now by this time word was brought unto the King of Dorosae's escape, of the slaughter of the Tayler, and of Feraroes departure: these tidings incensed the King with such a Gregorian fury, as he fully purposed to haue speedy execution done vpon Albina; yet pausing herein a while, fearing to doe þ in hast he should repent at leisure: he called for the Nobles of his Counsell, desiring their wise and graue aduise in these disaster events: they being all together, quot homines tot sententiae, every one lent his severall verdict, Mordeno only excepted: who now seeing he had mist his marke of Doros, late as one with a flea in his eare, speaking neither god nor bad: while they were thus in the depth of their consultation, arrived the Messenger that brought the letter from Dorosa, who being entred into the Hall, falling downe vpon his knees, and kissing the letter, he deliuered the same unto the King: the King having broken by the seale, gave it to one of his Secretaries to reade: when they all heard the effect of Dorosae's Letter, they were all driven into a Labozinth of admiration, at the strangenesse of this hap, vntill an auncient Knight spake as followeth. *Worthy King and Lords,*

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Lordes, although this same miraculouſe vnto your persons, yet is not the ſame altogether Hiperbolical, for of certaintie, I haue both heard and knowne, that Fragosa had thre ſonnes. Donvallo, Dorola, and Pleudippo, two of the which were made away (after the eldeſt obtained the Diadem) which way none knoweth. Very well then (quoth the County of Turcaine) may this be one of them, in that this Dorola was taken among the Turkes, as ſoldē vnto them for a ſlauſe. And in veray truthe (quoth hee) in my opinion, the beuy maieſtie of his countenance hath continually deciphered him, to be of ſome high diſcēnt: then noting how he excuſed Albina, and accuſed the Duke (who ſat now as one in another world) they all concludē that the Princeſſe ſhould haue her triall by Combat, ſetting downe ten dayes liberty for the procuraſe of her Champion. Which Mordeno in perſon, or ſome other undertaking his quarrell, ſhould perſonne againſt him. This newes was quickly carried vnto Albina, who truſting to the innocence of her cauſe, glad to hear of Dorolas eſcape, the honour of his birth, together with Feraroes kinderneſſe in that extremitie, hoping that all things would ſort for the beſt, ſetled her ſelue in content. Now Mordeno knowing the falſhooſ of his cauſe, and againe, fearing that Dorola would returne to be defendant in this action, durſt not aduenture the Combat on his owne perſon, but beying gouernour of a certayne Land not farre off, wherein was a huge Giant, for this Monſter (being there nurſed by ſome infernall In-tribus, for ſome damnable intent) did the Duke ſend, to ſtand as Chalenger in this eminent danger. This Giant came with all ſpēde, ſo that ere full ſix dayes were ſpent, he was at the appointed place, brauing all ſuch as durſt ſay, that Mordeno had reported any thing but the truthe againſt Dorola and the Princeſſe.

This deformed Caitiffe, ſo daunted the courage of all the Hungarian Knights, as not one of them durſt once giae a ſigne for her defence; every one grudging that the

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Duke shuld produce any such incarnate Monster, to encounter any man of meaner stature: thus did he rest in the field, no man daring to withstand him, where we will leaue him rayling at, and reviling the Hungarian Knights for their cowardize, and follow Feraro, Doroſa, and Corrillus: These worthie Princes were not passed beyond the vitter bounds of Hungaria, but Feraro was taken with a hote Feauer, which held him in such sorte, as they were there forced to lay twelve dayes for his recoueris: at length saling himselfe well on the mending hand, with easie tournies they passed on for Polonia, within the confines wherof they were no sooner entered, but they fell into the laps of a bond of two hundred and fifty Tartarian people, fierce, savage and cruel. These were there placed, to arrest all Knights aduenturers that passed by, and also to keape the Straights, least any shoud enter to aide or succour the Polonians. The Tartarians seeing these Knights, summoned them to yald themselves to servis the mightie Doroſo of Tartaria, or else they were but dead. Doroſa having the pericell Characters of high balaunce stamped in his heart, nothing dismayed at the multitude of their enemies, nor daunted with their ouer-brauing spaches, encountered with one of them so rudely as he heaued him quite ouer his horie crouper, Feraro and Corrillus serued two other in like sorte: but then were they forced to alight from their Palstraies, the rest of the Tartarians being on foot, who with their whole rout in compassed them about, laying on leade in such furious manner, as they were there in extreme danger to end the daies of their liues. And the winde being now fit to returne to Britaine, in this danger must I leaue them a while, to see what becomes of Pleudippo.

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CHAP. V.

How *Pleudippo* remaining with *Dorelio* King of Britaine, having heard of the victorie obtained against the Turkes, by the prowesse of one *Dorosa*, underooke trauaile, leauing his study, and determined to seeke his brother through the world, by the way hee set free a Lady called *Andrilla*, from a terrible Giant called *Cosmodril*, and wonne him for his slau, and how the Duke made *Pleudippo* Knight for sauing his daughter.



Leudippo having all this whilre remained with *Dorelio*, King of Britaine, educated from his first arraiall among the learned Artists of his Land, one day being at the Court, a Knight servant there made rehearsal of the happy victorie obtained against the Turke by the Hungarians, onely by the haughtie proesse of a youthfull Gentleman called *Dorosa*, relating the same from point to point, as is alreadie expressed. *Pleudippo* attentiuely regarding his discourse, this name of *Dorosa* made him call to minde the serious how which he solemnly protested in the depth of his distresse, to travails the uttermost confines, and search the most secret corners of the whole superficies of the earthly Globe, to finde out his beloued brother. With this a sudden conceit taking him in the head, leauing the company, and walking out into an Arbour, to meditate vpon his new conceived humours, he fell into these tearmes. *Pleudippo*, what doest thou thus daily poring on papers? seeking to contemplate thee by Art, when the destinies themselves doe affigne thee to Armes? Fond foole, is it not an olde proverbe, the more bookish, the more blockish? least then

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not often, that the greater Clarkes are not the wisedest men, as for the Pleudippo, leave the stude of Philosophie to subtill Sephisters, that by their ingenious Willogisines sake to prove the Crow white, or to such superstitious Astrologers, as by their fained figures and Mathematicall calculations, make credulous soles belieue the Monc is made of grane Chese: or to such upstart Lawyers, as with their chop-legges and smooth tonges, can (though not coozine) yet tell a faire tale with small truth, and shadow that with a golden pretext, which being uncovered, is farre worse then dirt or dross: tush Pleudippo, satis est quod sufficit: leave then thy icksome studie, and sieke for rcheniae by thy travell: is it not better for thee as a Champion, to undertake great Chalenges, then thus in a corner to weare out thy time by wearng of thy wits: yes Pleudippo, and with this he set downe his full resolution, to fit himselfe of horse and armour: and the thrid day following, unkowne to the King or any of his Court, took his tourney to follow forraigne and strange aduentures. Now the day of his deporture approaching, no sooner did Photphorus appaere aboue the Horizon in the orient, soe shewinge that Phœbus with his golden and bright Paper was ready to baile the shadie curtaines of misty night, but having all things in a readinesse, mounted on a lustie Courser, he tooke his Vale of the Brittaine soyle. Thus postinge toward the Seacoast, he immediatly imbarkeid himselfe for the land of Almaine, where the wunde being favourable within short time he safly arrived.

No sooner was this Aragonian landed on the Almaine shore, but he againe betoke himselfe of his traualles: thus coasted he the Country, purposing to passe both high and low Almaine, and so into Hungaria, Matolea, Phrigia, Persia, Egypt, Asia minor and major, with all the Nations belonging either to the Turke, Soulvan or Sophie. Thus traualled he by many faire Townes, strong Castles, and many delightfull places, for the space of

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Six dayes: now the seauenth day being come, riding in a low valley, having on the left hand a myghtie moun-
taine, and on the right hand a thicke and losse wood: thus
passing on his way he heard a sorowfull lamentation complain-
ing in this manner: Oh vnkinde
destinies, that haue awardeyn me this doome: Oh disaf-
fector chance that hath thus deliuered me to death, and most vi-
-constant fortune that hath thus committed me into the
hands of this vgly monstre, in whom is neither pitty nor
pietie. Thou Diuell incarnate, when will thy tyrannie
haue an end: Thou filthy carcasse without a Conscience,
wherein some infernall spirit in stead of a soule doth inha-
bite: Thou fleshly furie, begotten by some Incubus, and
nured by some enchanting sorceresse, for some damned in-
tent.

Pleudippo hearing this complaint, and perceiving the
same to be before him, he touched his palsey with the spur,
whi like the winged Pegasus, cut his way with such ex-
pedition, that in a shor tyme he came to the place whence
the cry came, where looking about, he saw a myghty, huge,
and deformed Gyant, who was even then entring into
the wood, having a very beautifull Lady vnder his loath-
some armie: he was huge of stature, full nine cubits high,
of body thicke and corpulent, his hayre was long and
shaggie, with his eares Dogge-like hanging vpon his
shoulders, and having in his hand an huge Hatchet of iron.
Pleudippo seeing this uncomely & fraceful Monstre, called
vnto him in this wise: Discourteous and cruell villaine,
what maketh the to abuse that excellent and beautifull
Lady? I advise the to set her quickly out of thy hands,
and deliver her into my custodie, or by heaven I sweare
I will send thy vannished ghost to the pitchis and darke A-
cheron, or else here lese my life as a true trophie of my
intent. The Gyant hearing Pleudippoes speches, couer-
ing his face with a scowne, shewing the crueltie of his dis-
position, with a harsh voynce he replied in this manner.

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Thou vainglorious and artificiall bragart, is thy insolencie and pride so great that thou dares to vige my patience with thy arrogant presumption? I tell thee malpert boy, though to fight with thee will rather discredit me, then addo any honour to me by obtaining the conquest of thee, (in regard I am able to deal with many in combate more absolutely worthy then thy selfe) yet thou proud skip-Jack, that I may correct thee for thy saucie behaviour and vnfamed headstrong enterprize, and likewise give warning to others hereafter to bide their malpertness come I say, and I will soone give thy flesh to the fowles of the Ayre, and will quench my furie and thirst with a carouse of thy hearts blood. With this he setting downe the Ladie from vnder his arme, made towards him with his Mace. Pleudippo nothing daunted with this his threatening brayado, leaped lively off his horse to encounter with him on soote, and being something doubtfull of the great fortitude of this deformed fiend, hee purposed to keeps him out at his speares point. Now began betwixt them two a sharpe and cruell bickering, the Gantz laying about him with his weighty and massy Mace, and striking ever at Pleudippes launce: now Pleudippo on the other side waris of his heauie blowes, ever kept his launce alost ever readie vpon the lefft advantadge to goe the Gantz, and skipping lightly heere and there, the Gantz's Mace still lighted on the ground, and Pleudippo before he could recover it lent him many dangerous and depe wounds, so that the earth was coloured with a vermillion dye, with the abundance of bloud that issued out of the Gantz's body, in so much that he began to ware faint with the lesse of the same.

But at length such was his happe, that hee hitting the launce with his ponderous mace, the same shattered in pieces: then was Pleudippo forced to take him to his sword, and the Gantz striking at Pleudippo, he thinking to save himselfe from the blow with his shield, the same buckled

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so under his furious stroke, that part of the force thereof lighted so vpon his helme, that it made him fall downe vpon his knees. The Gyant seeing this, fethched about another blow, purposing therewith to haue finished the combat, but Pleudippo recouering himselfe, shunned his blow, and let it fall vpon the earth, and being incensed with rage to behold the diuelish furie of the Gyant, leaped toward him, and strok him vpon the arms in such sort as his heauie mace fell out of his hand, the Gyant seeing himselfe now without a weapon, and his enemie readie with his piercing sword to goze him to the heart, being conuict with saintnes with the expence of his bloud, and with extreame feare of his present death, hee fell downe on his knees and yelded himselfe, humbly intreating Pleudippo to save his life. Pleudippo being glad of this obtained victorie, granted his request, but with condition that euer after that he should truely and diligently serue and obey him as his slave: the Gyant loath to lose his life, ratified the same with an oath, swearing by al his Gods truely and obediently to fulfill his command: which he faithfully did, as you shall heare hereafter.

This done, Pleudippo applied certaine salues to his wounds, which hee carried about him for his owne vse, that were so precious, as within two daies the Gyants wounds were perfectly whole. Now the Lady seeing the Gyant Cosmodrill subdued, being past feare of his further villanie, came and fell downe at Pleudippes feete, bittering these speeches. Worthy Knight, and the weydes wonder, sole mirour of our time, and the most magnanimitous under the architecture of the heauens, whose valour hath valiantly subiected the mighty, whose haughtie courage hath quailed the pride of the puissant, and whose conquering hand hath obtained the conquest of the unconquerable.

Pleudippo hearing her in these termes, taking her in his armes, and lifting her from the ground: Fair Ladis (quoth

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(quoth hee) in stead of these undeserved praises, yeld pray-
ers unto the Almighty for you: happy deliverance, and
hauue not any further feare of the treacherie of this terri-
ble Caitiff, for hee that with cruelty hath brought you
captaine, shall with as much kindness recartie you to your
friends. The Lady fearing that Plaudippo vpon Cos-
modrils promise of obedience, would have committed her
carriage onely vnto him. Valiant Knight (quoth she) if the
deluge of teares distilling from the eyes of an unspotted
virgin, may moue you to pity, or the penetrating prayers
of a poore distressed Lady procure you to compassion, com-
mit not the surety of my life into his hands, whom none
can escape with safety, whose greatest truthe is but foun-
treason, whose faithfull promises fathlesse practices, and
whose truest daedes are but deapes deceits. But let mee in-
sreat you to undertake the paines to conduct me to my Fa-
thers house, the Duke of Brunswicke, which is heere
within three leagues, and from whence this mischievous
monster hath this day by force taken me, for I being wal-
king in a Garden nigh adioyning to my Fathers Palace,
with two other Ladies, he conuincing suddenly in, caught
me vp vnder his arme, as heere you saw him, and brought
me to this place, preterding in this Wood to haue abused
me at his pleasure, as he hath done many other Ladys and
Damosels. Sundry Knights were there by which heard
my cry when I was taken of the Giant, but none so har-
die as to resist his diuellish determination: for so many
are the Ladies hee hath deflowered, and destroyed, the
Knights that he hath slaughtered, and the great massacres
he hath committed, that not onely the whole Dukedoms
are in feare of his tyrrannie, but generally all this part of
the Empire.

Say Madam (quoth Plaudippo) it was never my in-
tent to commit you to his custodie, further then mine eyes
were witnessses of his god behaviour toward your person.
And with this, Plaudippo mounting vpon his Palste,
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commaunded Cormodrill to set Audrilla (for so was this Lady called) behinde him, and her himselfe to follow en sole. Thus passed they along, vntill they came vnto the Dukes Pallace, where Pleudippo and Cosmodrill, were no sooner espysed, but all the gates were immediatly made fast, every one running into their houses, for feare least Cosmodrill shold haue wrought their destruction, whose strength they supposed a puissant Armie was not able to withstand. Pleudippo being came to the gates, and finding them fast barred, he commaunded Cosmodrill to knock, who with his soule att, gaue such strokis vpon the gat, as they soundes through all the Pallace, but none within would give any answere, which Pleudippo seeing and being informed by Audrilla, that they within were terrifiied with the sight of that terrible Cosmodrill, he commaunded him first to take the Lady from her horse, and then to depart and wait his comming the next day, at a place which he appointed. The Gantz immediatly promised to perfoare his commaund, shewing himselfe very louing and obedient; the one in that he so courteously saued his life, the other in not daryng to offend. So soone as Cosmodrill was gone, Pleudippo and Audrilla went further from the gates, that they within out at the windowes might descrie who they were. When they in the Cattie sawe the Dukes daughter in the custodis of a strange Knight, and the Gantz departed, they knew not what to think, whether they might feare any further treacherie or no: all of them holding it impossible, that Cosmodrill shold by force of any be brought into subiecction. Audrilla seeing them thus slow to give her entertainment, called to some which were vpon the walles, saying: What doe you thus deserre to open the gates, see you not that I am safe deliuered from that dreadfull and diuellish Cosmodrill, and now vnder the protection of that magnanimous and loue-burnis Martialis? why then delay you to open the gates?

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These wordes of Audrilla struck such a sodaine applause into their hearts, that in a confused manner they all ranne throning on heapes, some of them striving to open the gates, others who shoud first beare this wished tyding to the Duke and Dutchesse, who having their hearts opprest with a hidde of cares, so the mishap of their daughter, sate in their Chamber fighing out their sorowes. Now no soone did they heare of this fortunate event, but conuerting their Labozynth of griefe into a world of ioy, they in all hast came into the Castle yard, they there met Pleudippo and Audrilla, who were alreadie entred. The Duke entertaing Pleudippo in his armes, and having giuen him the bien venu, he went forward to his daughter, which Audrilla seeing, falling upon her knes did her dutifull reverence.

The Duke and Dutchesse having thus affectionately embrased their daughter, Audrilla immedietly declared the manner of her delincris, with the whols circumstance, as you haue alreadie heard, the Duke understanding the whole discourse, again embrasing Pleudippo in his armes vttered these spaches. Vlorthie knight, whose high pze, wesse may well be imitated, but never equalled, and whose unspeakable deserte may soone be remembred, but never sufficiently recompenced, not onely for redressing our daughter out of the depth of her distresse, and in conquering him whom we euer durmed innincible, but in freeing our Country from the further forwardnesse of so furious a son: which although we can never requite, yet will we be euer mindfull thereof, and not onely I but the Empa-
rour himselfe, will be always ready to gratifie you in any reasonable request, and to ayde and assist you in any ensuing danger.

Noble Duke (quoth Pleudippo) my greatest and on-
ly request is this, that it would please your Highnesse to
grate me with the order of knighthood, which as yet I
hauis not received by the hands of any. Very willingly

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(quoth the Duke) am I to bestow the same upon on ſuch in whom are ſuch apparent ſignes of ensuing honours: and whose high merit hath alreadie made him worthy of the ſame. What other ſpeeches here paſſed betweene them, their kinde gratulations, their costly banquets, their pro- fessed amities, and their ſeruous profeſſions of future friendſhip, leaſt I ſhould be either tedious to the Reader, or this new Historie ſhould grow to ouer great a volume, I here for brevity omit.

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How Pleudippo and his Page traualing together, heard of the Combat that was to be held to cleare the Lady Albina, and how he traueled to ſee it.



Wth Pleudippo having received that excellent order, the next morning (not withſtanding the earnest entreaties of the Duke and Dutchesſe to the con- trarie) he left the Dukes Palace, and departed. And being come to the ap- pointed place, he there ſaw the Gy- ant Cosmodrill very dutifully expeſting his coming, thewinge himſelfe nothing ſo wofull for his lost libertie, but rather rejoycing to ſerve ſuch a renowned gallant, who on the other ſide bleſſed him with great kindneſſe and cour- teſie, ſeeking by all meaneſ possible to bring him within the compaſſe of ſome ciuill government.

Thus with eaſie iournyes traualed they along, un- till they came within the Country of Hungaria, and one night ther taking up their Inne, Pleudippo being ſet at ſupper, willed his Page to giue his Page ſuch meaſe as he deſired. Your Page Sir (quoth he) ſhall: and with that he ſotched a very deſpeſe ſigh. How now (quoth Pleu- dippo)

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dippo) Both this word Page drave you into any discontent, that thus sodainly you seeme to sigh? Not the word
Sire answered the Host, but your Pages person; yet not his neither, but his proportion putteh me in mind of another, which to remember, is more bitter unto my soule than bitternesse it selfe: and not to me onely, but it bringeth an axe of sorow almost to all Hungaria, in that he is like to be the confusion of the rarest creature vnder the whole circuit of the heauens: and with this, he declared the whole matter concerning Dorosa, Feraro, and Albina, as is before expreised, the Dukes accusation, the Kings sentence, Dorosa and Feraroes departure, the Gyants ouer-brauings toward the Hungarian Knights, discoursing every particular point of the same: and now to morrow (quoth he) is the last day, so that this excellent Lady without any triall of her cause, is like to endure the lawes extreamitie. Pleudippo vnderstanding by his tale, that this Dorosa was his brother. God friend (quoth he) thou tellest me happy tydings, soz this Dorosa must needs be the man, in search of whom I make this my troublous trauaile, whom I feared had bene long since conuict with the dead. But is it possible (quoth he) to be at the Court to see the event of this matter? Very hardly replied the Host, except you shoulde trauaile this night, soz it is more then twenty leagues. Surely (quoth Pleudippo) were I in place, the Lady shoulde first see me conuict, before shée shoulde lose her life for lacke of a Combiant, were it but onely in respect of that Dorosa, who it shoulde seeme hath bene a well-willer of hers, though not further then both their honours doe allow. And can you (quoth he) but procure mee a guide, I will what I may endeavour my selfe, to be at the place before the latest houre. The Host hearing these honourable speches, the true badges of magnanimitie. And seeing what a deformed Gyant diligently attended vpon him, answered in this manner.

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Valiant and braue minded Knight, rather then so divine a Princesse should die for deset of such a one as your selfe, or you lesse such endlesse renowne as is to be reaped by this victory, I my selfe will be your safe conductor, not doubting but we shall be there before the execution of her person, which if none other undertake her quarell, shall be timely enought to try your fortune. With this he commanded one of the Slaves of the Dastry to give their horses prouender, and prepare them fit for their trauell.

Pleudippo having thanked his friendly Host for his forwardnesse herein, called Cosmodrill, and commanded him quietly to passe through the Country to the Towne of Dording, which was the ready way toward Polonia, whether the Host certified Pleudippo, it was supposed Feraro and Dorosa were gone, and there to abide untill his comming from the Court, straightly charging him not to abuse any of that Countrey. Thus Supper being ended, Pleudippo and his Host betooke themselves to their trauell, where we will leav them under Olimpus bache-
some shado, to speake of Albina, now fully expecting her speedy death.

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CHAP. VII.

How at the laste houre of the day whē faire Albina should haue bin executed, Pleudippo came to the list, & was thought to bee Dorosa himselfe, and vndertooke the combat, and obtained the victory, and the Duke of Porenna was condemned to death, and before he died he confessed his false accusation. Afterward Pleudippo acknowledgeth himselfe to be brother to Dorosa.



He Gyant as you heard before being in the field, ouerrating and fearing the Hungarian Knights with the crab-bennesse of his ill fauoured countenance: thus continued he raging and railing, according to the wonted crueltie of his crooked disposition vntill the last day, against which time a scaffold was prepared at the end of the list, for the execution of the vanquished: at the one end whereof was erected a gallery for Albina, and her Ladies, all hanged ouer with blacke, in token of their great saudesse, during this sorrowfull time: at the other end of the scaffold sat Mordeno, with many of his familiar friends, with ioy expecting the present end of the beauteous Princesse Albina. At one of the sides of the list sat the King and his Nobles, all cloathed in mourning attire, sorrowing at the forrepassed censure, wherein the Duke had so much liberty as to produce such an ugly monster for Contibitant. On the other side ouer against the King were placed for the Judges of the field, an ancient Knight called Brantus, being the Kings neare kinman, and with him the County of Turraine.

Thus continued they in the field all the sad sunshine of this blacke dreary day, still feeding themselves with a hope

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hope that some worthy and valiant knyght woulde vnder-take the Princeſſe quarrell. But now the latet houre is appreched, and all furthor hope utterly dashē into dispaire, no Champion all this whilz once daring to aduenture to purchase her redēption, which the Gantz ſting, brauened out these ſpachēs: Come yee dastard knyghts of Hungaria, is there none of you ſo hardie that dare cracke a ſpear in the defence of this minion? is your cowardize ſo great that you are daunted with a looke? or is her miſdemeanour and faulſt ſo maniſt as you diſcount the rightfullerneſſe of her cauſe? Come, come, the time was expred, bring her to the blocke, why delay you any longer? ſee you not the deſtinies haue determined this to be the end of her dayes, and Fortune hath deſcreed her doome.

The woſfull Princeſſe hearing theſe ſpachēs, being ſur-charged with ſorow, and her heart loadeed with vultures grieves, and haueing the chaſters of death purtayed in her brawes, overwhelming her ſace with an Ocean of teares, weeping her eyes dry, and her garment wette late reſting her ſelfe in theſe her extreme paſſions, ready to haue yailled by the Ghost. The King likewiſe neyber ſiting the latet moment, and all furthor expeſation in vaine, with a ſorowfull heart was ready to command her exēcution, and to de-part, ſeeing delay without hope did but agrauate their ſorowes. As hee was thus ready to ſpeake, they heard a Trumpet ſound, and looking about they ſaw an armeſt knyght almoſt at the end of the liſt, with a tall Squire beſide him ſounding an alarum: this put the King and all the Nobles in hope of a Champion to vndertake the Combat.

This knyght comynge to the end of the liſt, alighted off his horſe, and taking him to his Squire, hee entred the ſame ſix ſeats, and paſſing ſowward vntill hee came againſt the gallery wher the King ſate, after obediēnce done, de-manded the condiſons of the field. The Judges anſwered that there were no other, but that if the Gantz re-mained vanquished, both he and the Duke immoriatly

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must lose their lives, and the like for the Princesse Albina, and her defendant.

Then Pleudippo desired to speake with the Lady, to the end he might understand her minds in this action: vp on this bee was immediatly conducted to the place wheres Albina was, and comming toward her listing vp the beauer of his helme, and saluting her with a courtly behaviour, faire Lady quoth he, the hearing of this severre and cruell sentence against your person, and the shamelesse villany of this deformed Caitine, hath made me with longing desire to see the Combat accomplished, to take vnuall stoned tournees in my wearisome travailles, and since Fortuns hath permitted my attuall even at the houre of sadnesse, and now seeing the cowardinesse of these Hungarian Knights, I can (as I am both by oath and dutie bound) but aduenture my life against this presumptuous and insolent peasant: now diuine Princesse, not mistrusting the truthe of your cause, if it please you to referre the ending of your quarrell to a yonglings sword, I will either free you from this untimely, and as I judge undeserved death, or consort my selfe with you in your death.

Albina hearing the kinde speeches of this her newe come Champion, and noting the phisognomie of his face, shes supposed him though not the substance, yet a perfect paterne of her beloued Dorosa, and therewith replied in this manner: Valiant and courteous knight, my life which is now on the latest period, and my highest hope of deliverie being now readie to come to a most shamefull and ignominious death, should I refuse your courteous aide, in this my so great extremitie, I might rightly be reputed as accessary to my owne misfortune. Therefore I doe referre my safety wholy unto the tuition of your sword, and the tryall of my innocencie, to your good fortune and valancie, distrusting the sequel of my cause so much the lesse, by how much you resemble that Heroicks Gentleman, the most excellent among men, that renouned Dorosa, with whom

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whom I am falsly accused to be burchaste. God in the name of God, truch is on your side: and while you decive the con-
trouersie by blotnes, my virgin prayers shall not cease to
penetrate the heauens for your happy successse.

These speeches uttered, Pleudippo returned againe into the Lists; and having his helme still open, all the people present, were almost pacswaded that it was Dorosa: and Morden looking vpon his face, muttered out these speeches to one of his next familiaris. Dare friend, what hope now remaineth of the victory, since my accursed enemy is come in person to vndertake the Combat? this I say is that accursed Dorosa, whose honour I thinke all the Diuels in hell haue conspired to make famous. The Giant being mounted vpon a mighty Barbarian Courser, looking vpon Pleudippo, coms pround Gallant (quoth he) art thou hea that wilt lose thy life in the defence of this wanton, and here shalish the last date of thy dayes vnder my conquering hand: you bold fule, this day will I give thy flesh to the wormes of the earth, for thy presuming folly: and hers to the scowles of the ayre, for the filthiness of her face.

Pleudippo hearing these redarguous taumes, an ocean of angry bloud spreading it selfe in his face, thou Monster (quoth he) of mankinde, and enemy to honestie, thou soule carkasse filled with furie: what thinkest thou to bears it away with thy vauing brauerie? I tell thee insolent, de-
formed, haine-glorious, and shamelesse villaine, I am none of them that are daisheth with thy diuellish speeches, or strayed with feare of thy soule mishapen lineaments. But fellow to that Dorosa (who is by the Duke falsly accused, and his quarrell by the contrary to right, traiterously maintayned) though not his equall, yet a sliens of the same stocke, his brother by birth, and on though not so strong, yet every way as resolute. A light then thou ouer-daring rakehell, for I rather desire to canuise this on stocke, then to combat with thee on horseback; yet not that I dread thy valour, but that my Palstry is already weary with his soze franaile.

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O excellent bragart (quoth the Gyant) what thinkest thou to daunt my courage by the claiming kinred of Doros, or to make thy party god on fote, when thy heart trembleth to beholde on horsebacke: and with this he alighted. Come (quoth he) thou proud and saucie Princor, and though thou canst not rule thy tongue, yet well shalt thou see that I can bridle thy manhood. With this the Her- rando having sounded his Trumpet, commaunded the Champions to doe their deuoir. The Giant was armed all in brasse, and casting away his speare, betoke himselfe to a huge Dollar, the iron wozhe thereof wayed nare fiftie pound; he was of stature not fally equal with the Gyant Cosmedrill. Pleudippo having his Launce in his hand, and his god sword fast girt to his harnesse, with his shield vpon his arms, entred the Combat: at the first encounter, the Gyant scorning to make long warre, struck with such vigour at Pleudippo, as he purposed with his first stroke to haue finished the fight. Pleudippo on the other side being filled with valour, and therewithall willing to shew his great strenght, did boare the same vpon his shield, which was of such soft mettall, as he cut into the same more then a foot, which caused him that he could not very spedily recouer his weapon: and Pleudippo carefully taking the aduantage of the fight, gane him such a gird with his Launce, under the skirts of his armour, that the Janeling end was fane behind at his backe, and his corrupt bloud all stayne the earth with a purple goare: this stroke reuined the spirits of the King and Nobles, all knowing that if the Combat should continue long, this effusion of bloud must needs make the Gyant faint and feble: this wound also made the Gyant more warie, and to coust what he might to cut Pleudippes Launce; and offering a blow, Pleudippo thinking to ward it as he did the other: the Gyant fassifing the same, cut Pleudippes Launce quite asunder in the middes, that he was therewithall forced to take him to his sword: now began the fight to be very furious on both

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ſides, hard to iudge to whom this victorie would decline: the Gyaunt laying on ſuch loades with his ponderous wea-pon, as he had almoft hacked Pleudippoes shield in peaces: he againe receiving his ſtrokes, gaue him ſuch blowes with his ſword by often entring within him, that all his armour was almoft hewed in peaces. Now the Gyaunt perceiving Pleudippoes shield ſo mangled, purpoſed with one blowe to leaue him without his ward: but Pleudippo warie of the ſame, ſtepping alide, that his pollax entred into the earth moare then a foote, and therewith entring vpon him, ſtrucks him in ſuch ſort vpon his kne, where the ſeynts of his armour met as he parted his legges from his body, and the Gyaunt therewith fell to the earth. With this there was ſuch a ſhoute and hurling vp of Caps, as Pleudippo wellperceiued what conuention this cauſed in the hearts of all the people preſent: but the Gyaunt being now vpon the earth, he quickly ſetting his ſabre vpon his breſt, ſauored his head from his ſhoulders, leauing his curſed bo-die weltring in his owne blood: and going forward to the Judges, he deinaunded that the condtions of the Combat might be perſonned.

With this the King came downe from his ſeate, and ambracing him in his armes, Valiant Knight (quoth he) whose haughtie proueme hath not onely ſaved my daughter from the implacable furie of untimely Death, but her ſorrowfull mother almoft dead with the extreamtie of grieſe, and plunged in the deepest ocean of perplexities, thou haſt cauſed Phenix like to liue anew, and to regreſt againe the wanted pleasure of her former content. Well mayſt thou be the brother of that couragious Dorofa, like in person, and not unlike in valour, and both alſo you the maine Piramids of Hungariaes god. And with what kindneſſe we accept the ſame, please it you to abide in our Court, you ſhall well perceiue, and may I but once ſee him againe, hee ſhall fully understand what a boſtum of ſorrow this ſouere ſentencē hath produced to my ſoule.

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With this was the Duke of Porenna committed to the executioner, where seeing nothing before his eyes but present death, being now plunged in the profoundtie of calamite, confessed the whole truth of his former treacherie; which he had no sooner done, but his head was taken from his shoulders.

Now the day having exchaged his vesture, and Cynthia with her borrowed light, the onely grace of the heauens: (the King having likewise embrased his daughter, and with his teares of ioy bedewed her Swanne-white cheeke, lamenting that he was so credulous, as vpon the Dukes surmised accusation, to giue so sharpe a censure, and she againe vpon her knees humbly entreating, that all these former occasions of sad and tedious lament, might of all parts be buried in oblivion.) Then they went all together vnto the Court, generally applauding this happy historie, the King leading Pleudippo in the one hand, and Albina in the other, where the Queen before with extremes woe lay languishing vpon her bed, voleing forth her sighes vnto the heauens, now with the vnderpected newes of the Giants ouerthow, Albinae's innocencie, the Dukes confession, she was so rauisht in spirit with a sudaine extasie of ioy, that forgetting her former sicknesse, left her bed and came and met them in the Castle-yard: what kinde gratulations, louing eurz actings, and surpassing ioy there was then among them, let them iudge which in their deepest distresse haue had such sodains receites of vnderpected comfort. But here the time passeth away, suppose they haue satisfied themselves with their Princely dainties, gladded their eares with sweet contenting Musique, and passed the night in siluer sleepes and quiet restingnummers.

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CHAP. VIII.

How King Androgio made *Pleidippo* Duke of Porenna, and gave him all his lands, and offices, and Castles, and yet he desired to trauaile to finde his brother *Dorosa*, and how the King wrie to *Dorosa* by him, and of the tokens *Albina* sent to *Dorosa*, and how *Pleidippo* rescued *Dorosa*, *Feraro*, and *Corrillus*, from the Tartarians.



Sooner did Aurora spread her selfe in in the East, but the King arising from his Royall couch, created *Pleidippo* Duke of Porenna, and sticly imposed upon him all those possessions which before belonged vnto Mordeno, and now fallen into the Kings hands by his late coniunction. Which *Pleidippo* did willingly receiues as *Quis nisi mentis inops, oblatum respuat aurum*; yet did he answere the King, how he wold not any whit delay his trauaile, vntill he had found *Dorosa*: wherewith the King seemed no way discontent, hoping by his meanes, his sonne *Feraro* wold the sooner returns, whose presence hee now greatly desired. This done, *Albina* hearing the cause of *Pleidippes* boyled trauaile, comming vnto him: Where this Knight (quoth she) seeing you are thus minded to perseuer in your trauaile, although we especially wished your company in my Fathers Court: yet seeing the same is chiefly in quest of your Princely brother, vnto whom we are equally indebted as to your selfe, wee cannot deſire to with-hold you from any ſuch vertuous endeavour: therfore with my hearty commendations vnto his person, I moſt earnestly entreat you, that if luckily you arrive in his company, you deliuer him from me this King and Handkerchiefe. In the King was engrauen,

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One heart and minde in weale and woe,
Loue lasts with life, despite of doe.

In the Handkerchiefe, with letters of gold, was em-
brodered these verses :

From fear of death and depth of discontent:
From waues of wo, combin'd with languishment:
From dire misfame, and iealous fond suspect,
Freed in despite of Enuies soule obie^t
I rest, yet resting thus with griefe I die,
Wanting the Wight, my soules whole treasury.

Pleudippo with a courteous behaier receyving the
same, and diligently noting the rare beantie and modest de-
meanour of the Princesse, inwardly vowed, she was the
most exquisite creature that ever was produced by Nature,
and the onely Paragon of all pnes affections. This and
much other that being ended, and Pleudippo conseruynge all
things necessary for his traiale: taking his adiu of the
Quene and Albina, and the rest of the Court, he departed,
the King himselfe in person, with divers of his nobles ac-
companyng him ful fours miles, wheres after many thanks
and Courtey embracings, the King deliuering him this
Letter, with sundry other things in charge to Dorosa and
his sonne, returned to the Court, leaving Pleudippo to the
god successe of his boyled traunles.

To the magnanimous and most worthy Dorosa, Prince
of Aragon, health and happiness.

Dorosa, if our entertainment were not answerable to
the dignitie of your birth, blame ignorance: if I haue
punished without cause, I will say peccauit; and the
confessing of my fault shall be some part of amends: if my
seuerre sentence passed the bonds of Princely piety, let it
suffice

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Suffice that the sorow of my soule for the same hath bene
equal with the sharpenesse of my seuerē iudgement, vpon
that perjured Caitiffes cursed accusation. And to con-
clude, if there be that affection which you affirme, ground-
ed vpon honour and honestie, I will not any further
crosse your contents with crueltie: but let Albina with
her Turkish Dowrie bee thine for ever. Thus wishing
your returne to our Court with our heartis commendata-
cōns: Farewell.

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Now Pleudippo being mounted vpon the braue Bar-
barian Palstray, which belonged to the late conquered
Giant, made such expedition, that as Phebus was
declined to the West, he was arriued at the Towne of
Dording, where he found Cosmodrill his Page diligent-
ly expecking his comming, shewing great content, and ap-
parant signes of inward ioy at his so happy returne, there
againe refreshing himselfe, and prouiding horse and ar-
mour for the Giant: the next morning, being now both
of them well mounted, they with god sped passed along
oward the Countrey of Poland: within the borders
whereof, within short time they arrived, where they were
no soner entred, but they espied thre Knights tourney-
ing along before them: who euē on a sodaine were set
vpon with a whēle troupe of armed Soldiers, thre of
them being on horse, and all the rest on foote: now at the
very first encounter, they turned those thre topsie turvies
ouer the horse tayle, but the whēle crew so iuironed them
about, that they were forced lyuely to leape from off their
horses: and betaking them to their swords, backing each
other, with such vndauantable valour they defended them-
selves; as they slew very many of that vntly multitude,
especiallē one of them, who almost every stroke sent one
as other of his assailants, to consent with Pluto in the fiery
Phlegelhon.

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Phlegethon. These Knights beloved, were Dorosa, Feraro, and Pleudippo, who, as you heard before, staying for the recovery of Feraro, were here overtaken of Pleudippo in this perilous bickering. Pleudippo regarding the great valour of these Knights, thinking to yield them speedy aid, spurred his Palstoy, who sailing the prickes, hastning his steppes more swifly then the winged windes, even in a thought he was among them: where entring with his sword drawn, hee laid on such satall blowes, that whom soeuer he hit, his strongest armour could not save his life, so that in a moment of time, he had sent seven of those discourteous Atheists, to pay their fraught to that sturdie Ferry-man of Stix. Dorosa seeing this new-come Knight scorning that his former praises should be eclipsed by the deserte of any, redoubled his blowes with such vigoz, that wheresoever his sword lighted, neither armour nor flesh could repell the force therof. Feraro and Corillus, although they were both sore wounded, likewise behaued themselves very honorably in this horrible conflict, so that by this time more then threescore Tartarians had wxit their lives legend in the Polonian dust: and the Gantz Cosmodrill hasting after Pleudippo, was now entred among them, bea-
ting downe with his huge spaco whosoeuer resisted his puissance. The Tartarians seeing the great fortitude of this furious Cosmodrill, and the unmatchable valiancie of the other Knights, and perceiving more then halfe of their company to be slaughtered, turned their backes and fled. The Knights not desirous to commit any outragious mal-
facie, suffered them quicly to depart.

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CHAP. IX.

After the conflict ended and their enemies vanquished, Dorosa giveth Pleudippo vndeowne many thankes, Dorosa craueth to know his name, vpon which they come to know one another, he deliuereth the tokenes sent by him from Androgio, the Queene, and Albina, and what hapned further in their trauailes.



Dorosa seeing that they were now free from their enemies, comming to Pleudippo he began in this manner: *My* this knight (quoth he) saving you in our deepest distresse haue by your courage ransomed our lynes, in that no doubt without your timely ayde, if not all, yet some of vs haue bene consoled with the dead: that wes may the better know vnto whose deservt vs are thus deeply indebted, the better hereafter to requite your kindnesse, let me craue your name, and of what Country you are.

Sir, quoth Pleudippo, should I denie such a courteous request, to him that is the onely flower of Chivalrie and valwesse, and with whom I desire further familiarity and friendship, you might rather repute me foolish, then accept of my fellowship, and more worthily condeme me of discourtesie, then commend me for my kindnesse. Now then worthy Sir, my name (which as yet I never denide either for feare of falsehood) is called Pleudippo. Dorosa hearing him recite his name, breaathed out a farrre setched high: with this Pleudippo breaking off his tale, Sir, quoth he, by the way, let me request to know the cause which maketh you thus to sigh: nothing quoth Dorosa, but a brother of mine of that name, which long since was made away by treason. Sir (quoth Pleudippo) though herein

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I may rightly seeme more bold then wise, vpon a sodaine conceit which is even now entred into my head, let me be so much fauoured by you as to se your face. Dorosa willing to satisfie him in this request, presently listed vp the bener of his heime. Pleudippo looking earnestly vpon his face, immediasly supposed he saw his swne image, as in a glasse, and being now fully perswaded of that whereof before he stod in doubt, taking him in his armes, se here Dorosa (quoth he) thy brother Pleudippo, for whom thou sighest: one that is more ioyfull of thy presence, then euer thou werst pensiue for the losse of his person: how happie was I to trauaile this way, wherein I have found him after whom, and in search of whom I would haue compassed the Glebe of the earth: and no lesse happy was I in comming to thee at his dangerous and vnaccustomed time: and with that he listed vp his helme.

Dorosa, who all this while stod amazed at this unexpeted godnesnes, now seeing his face, and by his former speeches being assured it was hee, embrasing him in his armes he was so ouer ioyed that he held him fast, not being able to vtter one word.

Feraro and Corrillus seeing this dumbe shew, appreached to them to see what sudaine ioy had thus surprized their sensces. No sooner were they come, but Dorosa taking Corrillus by the hand, se Corrillus quoth he, who in this skirmish is luckily arived to our comfort. Corrillus gazing vpon his face, is not this (quoth he) the neble Pleudippo your lost brother: hee is the same replied Dorosa: Oh blessed fortune (quoth Corrillus) that after such solwe saunce of discontent hath kindly conducted mee into their company, whose losse hath beene the onely cause of my extrimme care. When againe Dorosa declaring to Pleudippo who Corrillus was, they in like manner with all kindnesse embraced each other, and Feraro understanding this knyght to be Dorosae brother, and not second to him in prowesse and magnanimitie, being glad of the societie

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of ſuch loue-borne Martialiſts, with like content applau-
ded their ſortunate meeting.

Now to continue their no meane iſyes, Pleudippo ta-
king forth the King Androgio his Letter, and Albinaes
King and Handkerchiefe, deliuert the ſame to Dorosa,
and therewithall not forgetting the Kings, Duenes, and
Albinaes commendations to Feraro, he afterward decla-
red all the accidents of Hungaria, the manner of the Com-
bat, the extreame hazard of the Princelle, his conqueſt of
the Gヤant, Mordenos execution, and confeſſion, the exce-
ſing ioy of the King and Duenes, with the generall plau-
dities of all the Nobles: and laſtly, how the King of his
free bounty had created him Duke of Porenna, leaving no
point of all thofe matters uncheaſed. Now beloued, in
what manner theſe Princes had their ſoules ſurprized
with ſweet content, it isimpoſſible for the moſt eloquent
tougue to utter, much more for my rude, and moſe then
halfe warriored penne, in any reasonable order to expreſſe:
but theſe unaccuſtomed ioyes being thus in the full, they
all hauing drefſed their wounds, paſſed foaward on their
journey, which with large diſcourſes of their former for-
tunes, they ſo delightfully waſhed, that within ſhort time
they were quietly come to the Towne of Welcar, which
was within ſoure leagues of the Citiſe of Cattay, where
both the Kings Court and Campe lay: whither theſe
warlike Princes and Gヤant being come, underſtanding
this Towne to be alreadie in ſubiection of their enemies,
and kept anely by a band of Muscouians, they determined
to enter ſobainly in at the gates, and ſet upon them, and
if they preuailed in this conſliet, to keape themſelues ther-
e close, untill ſuch time as the maieſt Armies were iorned
together: or at leaſt heard further newes out of the Citiſe.
In this determination, Dorosa and Pleudippo haſtning
before Feraro, Corrillus, and Cosmodrill, came to the gate
which they found open, yet garded by a Watch of tenne
Muscouians; Dorosa demanded of the Watch-men, if

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they two being Knights errant, might haue quiet lodg-
ing within the Towne: yes (quoth the Watch-men) so
be it you will take your oathes to aby and assist the ground
Muscovian, and the mighty Doroko of Tartaria, in their
warrs against the Polonian King. Warres (quoth
Pleudippo) tush, there is nothing can please vs better:
and with this, spurring his Palstry, he sprang in at the
gate, and with his Launce thrust him that made this an-
swere in such sort through the body, that he fell dead to
the earth: and Dorosha entring after him, serued another
in the same sort: which the rest seeing, came all right up-
on them, but little prevailed their weapons, for at six
strokes five of them lay weltering in their owne blood,
and the other three seeing their fellowes haue such sound
payment, fled forth into the Towne, and one being upon
the wall, seeing this sodaine slaughter, sounded a Drum.
Now by this time was Feraro, Corillus, and Cosmodrill
come within the Towne. And the Muscovians hearing
this sodaine Alarum, with all their troupe pressed toward
the gate. Cosmodrill seeing them not aboue two hundred,
and there withall before him in the streete, alighted from
his wearied horse, and taking his iron Hace in his hand,
Worthie Princes (quoth hee) stand backe a while, and
breath, and see how pōre Cosmodrill can wealde his wea-
pon among the rankes of his enemies. With this step-
ping forward he entertained the Muscovians in such sort,
as hee sometime beat downe two, sometime three, and
sometime five or sixe at a stroke, and always so many
as came within his reach. The Princes beholding this
great force of the Gyant, they all admired at his puissance,
and Pleudippo protested, if Fortune had not favoured
him in his attempt, hee might well haue vanquished
him, but never conquered him. Soon were the Musco-
vians more then halfe slaine, and the other dispaireing
of victorie, turned their backs and fled: which Dorosha see-
ing, spurring his Palstry, in the turning of a hand hee
was

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he is got before them to the other gate, wheres keeping the same, he encountered them so crudely: and Pleudippo, Feraro and Corilliis, followed after them so eagerly, that within lesse then a quarter of an houre, there was now lest that could complain of his payment.

Thus having dispatched their enemies, they searchid about in the houses, to see if any more of them were lurking in their dennes. Thus searching about, at length they found one which had a hurt in his legge, by reason whereof hee could not come into this skirmish with the other. This Fellow seeing them enter, falling vpon his knees, humbly entreated them to save his life. Fellow (quoth Feraro) declare unto vs at large all the events that hath alreadie hapened in these warres, and in what state both the Poloni-ans and enemies now remaine, with what forces they haue on either side, and thou shalt not only save thy life, but if thou proue fauful, shalt no way reape any further damage. Worthy conquerours (quoth he) in these warres already past, there haue bene fought two maine battailes, beside many other skirmishes: in both which the Poloni-ans haue had the foile, and with great losse haue beene forced to retire within their walles: the strength of the mighty Doros is full fifty thousand, among which are sevene in all fierce and cruell Gyants: and the grauie Dukes Ar-mie is full fouriescore thousand strong: the Poloni-ans, as it is supposed, are not aboue forty thousand, and they very soore wearied, and many of them already hurt: but now this other day is the Marquess of Rino, with twentie thousand Aragonians arined to their ayde, and this is their whole strength. Now vpon Thursday next, they haue appointed the third field, in which if the Poloni-ans lose the victory, it is not possible for them any longer to resist our forces. The Princes hearing this, purposed to refresh themselves within this Towne, vntill both Armies were ioyned, and then soadainly to set vpon their enemies.

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Of the great battaile betweene the Tartarians and Poloniens, and how by the meanes of *Doroſa*, *Pleudippe*, *Foxaro*, *Corritus* and *Cofmodrill*, the Poloniens obtained the victory, and of the great slaughter of the Tartarians.



But they continued until the day assygned for the fight; which was no sooner come, but these Knights managing their Arandell-like Courliers, they take their way toward the Cittie of Cattay: and being come within two miles, they well perceaved by the Alarum of Drum and Trumpet, that the Commanders had already ioined their forces: thus hasting forward with their wind winged Steds, they immedately espied how the Armies were met, and ioyned in battaile in two places: the Tartarians and Aragonians encoutring each other, and the Muscovians and Poloniens in sharpe and cruel bickering. The Princes seeing this, were in doubt which way to take: but Doroſa remembraing the old prouerbe, Non sapit qui non sibi sapit, thought it best for him to aid his own Country men and Subjects. And with this they all rushed upon their enemies, keeping themselves close to succour each other, in all ensuing dangers, overthrowing and beaſing downe horse and men to the ground, whosoever came in their way, sending whole Miriads of those barbarous Tartarians, to accompany Pluto in his infernall Region, and eternizing their names through the haughtinesse of their valours: now begunne the battaile to be fierce and cruell, every one ſtriving to excell the other by their resolute endeauours: on the other ſide the Tartanian

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rian Gyants being placed in the forefront of the battaile, wrought great damage to the Aragonians, daunting their courages in such sort with their mighty strokes, that they were nothing forward to encounter their assayants, which Pleudippo seeing, willing Cosmodrill to attend by, on him, they two leauing Dorosa, Feraro and Corillus, setting their circumference, entered among the Aragonians: and Pleudippo seeing one of the Tartarian Gyants which made great slaughter, he set his speare to his rest, and with an high voice crying, out Aragonia, Aragonia, he encountring this Gyant with such puissance, that at the first stroke he fell dead to the earth. Cosmodrill following his Lord at a pinch, laide on such heauis loade, that the Tartarians were glad on all sides to free his passage: this stirred up such courage among the Aragonians, that they pressed on so fast upon their enemies, that they not able to sustaine their strokes, were forced to gine ground. And Dorosa kept such hauecke among them on the other-sides, making such a lane among their routes, that Pleudippo and hee were almost met together in the middes of the field: where being encountring with one of the Gyants, which guarded the mighty Dorokoers person, at the third stroke hee sealed him such a pasport, that his soule might quietly haue his passage to the Divell without any contradiction; and going forward, toyned with Doroko himselfe, whom hee had there slaine, had he not bene prettily ayded by two other Gyants, and great rakes of other Knights and Souldours, which pressed upon him with great violence. Feraro very valiantly set upon one of these Gyants, whom after a long and cruell bickering he in the end slew. By this time was the Gyant Cosmodrill got through his enemies, unto the place where Dorosa was thus fighting: and seeing one of the Gyants make a blow at him, before the same was lighted, strucke him in such sort, that both his helme and head were batte-
red in pieces; yea, Dorosa, Pleudippo, Feraro, Cosmodrill
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and Corinthus, this day so proued their valours upon the carcases of their enemies, that all the earth was mantled with a scarlet dye, and one could scarce moue his foote, but he was readie to treade upon the slaughtered body of one or other. Thus remained the battaile with such crueltie all this day, that of the Tartarians were slaine, fourteene Gyants, and full thirtie thousand Knights and Souldours: and of the Aragonians were slaine onely thre thousand. Now the Hunne declining fast toward the Antipides, shrouding himselfe with his wearied hosses in the West, the Tartarians seeing themselves not able any longer to endure the fatig of this fight, turned their backes and fled, recovering themselves within the Musconian ranckes: but by this time Olympus shadowed with the nights blacke curtaine, enforced these warriours to leau their wearied weapons, and with holde their hands from committing any further massacre. The King of Poland this day was so sore dismayed, hauing slaine in his haubkynnes ten thousand: but knowing onces the discomfiture of the Tartarians, hee reputed his losse the lesse, in that of his enemies were slaine full fourteene, beside fourteene of the Gyants had this day ended their lives. Now the enemies being retayned to their Campe, the Tartarians protested among themselves, that these strange Knights were Divils, or some infernall furies, whiche in the likenesse of men contended with them this day for the Palms of victorie. Now the Polonians and Aragonians being entred into the Citie, and among them these unknowne Tartarillies, who being entred, tooke vp their lodging at an Inne, determining not to goe to the Court without the Kings requesting. Now no sooner was the Polonian King and Aragonian Generall mett at the Palace, but the Marquesse immediately declared the high powesse and magnanimitie of the strange Knights, and how with them entred a most huge and terrible Gyant, affirming them (as the truth was) to be the chiefe cause

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of their so fortunate success, greatly admiring what they should be, in that they rather succoured the Aragonians, then the Poloniangs.

CHAP. XI.

How the King after the battaile was ended sendeth for the five strangers, and how the next day they came to the Court, & of their kind entertainment: how Pleudippo fell in loue with Lucibella, & Feraro with Flermia, and how the Marquesse of Rino knew Corrillus.



When the king had heard these speeches, (being very loath that such honourable and worthy Champions should for want of a kind entertainment abandon his Country, especially in this time of his so great necessities) commanded sundry of his most worthie Knights, diligently to search them out wheresoever they were lodged, and courteously in his name to intreat them to come to the Court. These Knights when they had a while enquired, at length finding them out, after kinde saluting them, according to their charge earnestly requested them to goe with them to the Court. The Princes by reason of their weariness and wounds which were not yet dressed, desired the messengers in their behalfe humbly to craue his Graces pardon for that night, faithfully promising the next day to attend vpon his person, as his most dutifull seruants, and as such as had boyled their lives in the defence of his estate and person.

The Knights being returned to the King, declared at large the whole effect of their charge: and quoth one of them, these are almost equall of an age, the eldest of them being not aboue fourte and twenty yeeres of age, being also

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as beautifull and well accoupliſht Gentlemen as ever I behid. And surely quoth another of them, there is two of them so like as they must needs be brethren, and in my opinion both of them in fauour so much resemble the excellent and beauteous Lady Flermia, as they must needs be either of her kin, or else appointed specially by fauour & pr. of nage to help her whom they so much resembled, and to the youngest of those two is the great Giant a dutiſh & obedient servant. These speeches bred great admiration in the King and all his Nobles, and great longing in Flermia and Lucibella to haue a sight of these unconquerable gallants. After this they all seated themselves to supper, & afterward spending some time in talke, every one deparcked to bed.

Now the next day being come, these Princes being mindfull of their evening promise, attiring themselves in the best manner they could, taking their swords onely with them, they passed through the Cittie along toward the Court: Dorosa and Feraro going before, and Pleudippo and Corillus after, and behind Pleudippo followed the Gyant Cosmodrill bearing his shield. Thus in sumely equipage marched they through the Cittie toward the Kings Palace, wheres being once come within the great Court-yard, they presently met Lucibella and Flermia, attended on by a braye companie of Courtly Ladys. Pleudippo fixyngh his eyes vpon Lucibella, was drawn into a maze at the excellent feature of her person, and Feraro looking vpon Flermia, was almost rauished with the splendor of her surpassing beauty. The Ladys not being yet right against them, perceiving how earnestly they gazed on their beauties, couered their Snow-white faces with such a vermillion dye, as Aurora gracing the orient with her siluer brightness, seemed not halfe so gloriouſ. The Princes comming against them, with a courteous demeanour toward them passed along, and being once past the Ladys deſirous to haue ſome further knowledge of their abundantious gallants, returned back to heare and under-

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understand their conference with the King and Earles.

The King having intelligence of their comming, arose soorth with from his coial seat, and came to meete them in the Hall, wher having enterteyned them with Courtly embracings, the Marquesse of Rino looking vpon Dorosa and Pledippoo, he supposed he saw the lively image of the deceased Fragosa: as he was in this dilemma, he cast his eyes vpon Corrillus, whom he percellly knew: then comming to him, with friendly amittis, he imbracing him in his armes, greatly rejoycing at their so happy meeting, began thus. D^rre friend, I pray you from whence are these worthy Knights your companions, in whom appeareth the very fauour of our lost Princes, and a true may of that magnanimitie which was in olde Fragosa. Truly quoth Corrillus they are not the likenesse, but the very substance, and rightly may we say, Qualis Pater, calis filius: for they doe not onely resemble him in prouesse and valour, but in all other perfections of nature. And with this he declared unto him all the manner of their meetings.

CHAP. XII.

How after more talking the Marquesse of Rino would haue crowned Dorosa King of Aragon in Polonis, which he denied, of the meeting of faire Elermia and her brethren, & the ioy was made: how the Muscovian Duke gathered a new supply, & sent defiance to the Polonian King, who pointed a day for another battell.



The Marquesse by his owne iudgement approuing these speeches for trueth, remaynt with extreame content at this happy event, with apparent signes of ioy came to Dorosa, and as to his Lord and Soueraigne, humbling himselfe vpon

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his knē. Worthy Prince (quoth he) whose losse hath bin
almost the cuine of all Hungaria, and the onely discontent
that hath disturbed our quiet, whom seeing it hath pleased
the Destinies to preserue, I will not onely resigne my ti-
tle of graund Generall, into your Hignesse hands, but
here immediatly set the Diadem vpon your head, and pro-
claime you King. Dorosa receiving him in his armes,
Good friend (quoth he) as for the Crowne of Aragon, see-
ing it is allotted me by Fate, I will not any wayes refuse,
bowing to you by the faith of a Prince, that Donvallo was
nener so cruel, but Dorosa wil ever shew himselfe as kind.
The King by these speeches fully vnderstanding what they
were, came againe, and with exceeding content received
him in his armes, and while the King was thus embrac-
ting Dorosa, Pleudippo and the Marquesse gretted each
other, with such an extasie of ioy, that they were not able
to speake.

Now these tydings being carried vnto the Dusene,
she surpassing them all in content, issued soorth of her
Chamber, and comming to her Nephewes, with the
feares of ioy stilling from her eyes, embraced them sens-
ually in her armes, bestowing many of her friendly kisses
vpon their Princeely chches. This done, Flermia in the
depth of her soules content, with a most kinde and Court-
ly behaviour, came and saluted her brethren. And Luci-
bella equalling the rest in ioy for their so happy attuall,
and having her inward soule alreadis inueigled vpon the
perfections of Pleudippo, approached toward him, and
hee having his sensies almost benummed with beholding
this Sunne-bright Paragon, received her in his armes
with an encounter of high delicatece, their armes locking
together their lips, and from their lips, interchangeably
breathing their soules into each others bosoms. But now
while these persons were yet hild in their new augmen-
ting delight: word was brought vnto the King that the
Musconian Duke had a new supply of twentie thousand
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Woldiours appreaching nigh, to ioyne to his former forces. And while the Boast was yet speaking, a Heralde entred the Hall, which the King sat in, he with the Princes and all the rest of the Nobles, seated themselves to heare the effect of this unexpeted message. They being set, the Heralde with a sterne countenance uttered these speeches. King of Poland, the graund Duke, and mighty Doroko, sendeth thee this word, that thou immedately send them those Ladies for whom they maintaine these warres, or else within these dayes to ioyne with them againe in battaile: both which if thou deny, they solemnly protest to send for such inumerable multitudes of new supplies, that all the ground in Polonia shall be but sufficient to contayne their troupes. Now (quoth he) let me heare thine answere, that I may certifie them that sent me, of thy intent. The King having well regarded his speeches, being encouraged by the ayde of his new come kinsmen, replied in this manner: Then know that for the first I absolutely deny: but as for the second, although we dread not their dawning & prouide threats, yet in that we will not give them liberty to helme king in our Country to annoy our subiects, let them prouide them one day sooner: sure (quoth the Heralde) the sooner the better, why then (quoth the King) let them expect vs in the field within these two daies at the furthest.

CHAP. XIII.

How the King of Poland caused *Dorosa* to be crownaed King of Aragon: how *Feraro* made his loue knowne to *Dorosa*, and hee to his sister *Flermia*, and found her very willing: how messengers were dispatcht the next morning, as well to treat of the marriage of *Dorosa* with *Albina*, as *Feraro* with *Flermia*; how *Luci-bella* fell extreemely in loue with *Plendippe*, and hee with her.

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Wⁱth these spaches past, the Sun now hasting toward the Meridian line, the King, Princes and Nobles all seated themselves to dinner: which being ended, Dorosa was by sound of Trumpet proclaimed King of Aragon, receiving homage of the squires and all the Aragonian Nobles there present. This finished, Feraro seeing the heate of his conceitued amours, to augment, comming to Dorosa, and taking him by the hand, he fell into these tearmes. Worthy King, and my most louing companion, and faithful friend: what the effectuall cause of my comming hitherto hath beene, I need not any further declare, in that the same is sufficiently knowne unto your person, and seeing the Lady is one whom you may not easily by brotherly amity admonish, but also by regall authority command, let me (of all former friendship) entreate you first to giue her knowledge of my intent, and after to procure the means that I may freely impart my minde unto her person. Dorosa seeing Feraro thus impatient of delay, went immediately to his sister, whom after much perswasion, and some private conference betwene themselves, he found so forward, that they concluded the next morning to send Corillus, and with him two other Nobles of Aragonia in Ambassage, as well to treat of the loves of Dorosa and Albina, as to partly of the marriage betwene Feraro and Flormia: and with this immediately gave them their charge, to be gone the next morning with all expedition. Thus this day passing away, the Lady Lucibella having already the Characters of loue stamped in her heart, shes leaving the company, went into her Chamber, where being not able to esapeate the clouds which darkened her spirit, casting her selfe upon her bed, shes fell into these tearmes.

Lucibella, what unaccustomed tortures are thus for me

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ment thy soule: what vulture gnawing thoughts molest thy minde: or what vnsupportable passions alienate thy sensess from their former content: Foul French, gazing against the staires of thy mishap, thou art fallen into a La- borinth of perplexitie, and art there like to perish in the depth of thy dispaire. Alas Lucibella, as the strong poison Antimonium being but chasid in the hand, pierceth at length to the heart, or the heards Arras, being helden betwixt the fingers, causeth forth with a heat throughout all the body: so thy loue being but entertained at the eye, doth sedainely and secretly drowns downe into thy breast, and so with an Ocean of passions disturbeth all thy sensess. Oh deceiptfull Fortune, Mutabilior Procreo, standing vpon the Weathercocks of Time, constant in nothing but inconstancie: was it not sufficient that I was already terrifid with the terrorre of waues, disturbed with the tumultuous iarres of these cursed snowies, and disquieted with the continuall destruction, and great slaughter of my Countrymen and friends, but thou must yet inflise a new punishment worse then they all: Unhappy Lucibella, why are the Destinies so unequal allotters of mishap, as to appoint thy youth (whiche to others is an Autumne of ioy) to these a tempestuous Winter of extreme sorrow: Well, let this suffice, that thou art one whom Fortune hath set on the vaciable points of her Campasse, and art only borne unto all mishap, like to proue to thy fathur and to Cattay, as Paris was to Priam and that vnsfortunate Cittie, and with the Carthagenant Queenes like to ruinate thy life through the unspeakable passions of Lones marlydome. With this taking vp her Lute, she warbled out this sonnet.

Deepe discontent deprives my ioy,
Sad soule, sick thoughts, augment annoy,
Endlesse Despaire, is Nurse of cares,
And woes impale my heart with feares,
Languishing still with sighes and teares.

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Amids this Chaos of my harmes,
Cupid comes in with Loues alarmes :
In sorrowes seeme to act his part,
He blidly shoots his poysoned dart,
Piercing therewith my pensiuē hart.

Thou sea-borne Queene command thy sonne
For to release my martyrdome,
And I will sacrifice to thee
Incense and Turtle Doues with glee,
With branch of sweetest mirtle Tree.

Cupid thou Eluish petty God,
Redresse my fences thus at odde,
And I will offer at thy Shrine
Faire spotted Kids, and milke-white Kine,
With haires more soft then silken twine.

If in this suite I sought preuale,
Let equall passions him assaile,
That fettered fast in Fancies chaine.
We may alwage each others paine,
And both our hearts in one remaine.

This Madrigall being ended, Lucibella (intending though shee could not satisffe her selfe with present hope of the fruition of Pleudippoes person, yet to glut her eyes with gazing vpon the excellencie of his supernaturall perfections) came forth of her Chamber to consume the rest of the euening in conference with these renowned Princes, and in some sweete party with Clermia and the rest of her Ladies.

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CHAP. XIIIIL

How Pleudippo being in an extacie of loue, hee and his seruant Cosmodrill went priuatly into the Tartarians Camp, and there slew many; and how by his meanes the Muscouians and Tartarians fell together by the eares, and slaughtered one another: afterward hee returned to the Court wounded, also how Lucibella and hee continued their loue and were betrothed, and vpon the comming thither of the King of Hungaria, the Princes Dorosa and Albina, and Feraro and Flermia, and Pleudippo and Lucibella were all married on a day, and of other things that endeth the Storie.



Now the Hunnes being discended toward the Westerne world, denying any longer light, with his transplendent rayes to their Orientall clime; every one taking their congie of each other, they all departed into their severall Chambers: where Pleudippo being entred, seeing his heart drawne by the attractiue vertue of Lucibellae sies: and having her pourtrayture more lively engrauen in his minde, then any forme may be insculped vpon mettal or marble, being thus in his affectiuate conceites, he seated himselfe vpon his bed: thus sitting a god whyle, tormenting his heart with thoughts, and his thoughts with loue, still meditating vpon his diuine mis-
tresse: at length he fully determined to act something wox-
thie of her louour and fathers consent, or else to cut the vi-
tail thred of his life. In this determination calling Cos-
modrill his Page, arming themselves, they two secretly in
the silent of the night passed along the stretes vntill they
came to a gate which Pleudippo had espied before: and

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opening the same, they went quietly along, untill they came to the Muscovians Campe, where they found the Watches a sleepe vpon the earth. Thus with a quiet pace passed they along, untill they came at the grānd Dukes Tent, the entrance whereof they found garded with tenns men and a Gvant, the Gyant fast a sleepe, and all the other wakynge, they comming vpon them in such furious maner, that at two blowes the cruell Cosmodrill taught fire of them vch a blondie letanie, that they never after neare any weapons for the defence of their līnes. The Gyant hearing this stir, as he was touzing himselfe, Pleudippo strucke him in such sort, that he parted both his helme and head by an equalld devision. And while Cosmodrill garded the entrance, hee going forth into the Tent, found the grānd Duke with thē of his chiefe Paeres, being amazed at this sōdaine noise, arising out of their beds, then did Pleudippo or euer they could recover their weapons, send to Charon to prouide passage for the whole multitude. By this time was thers such a shouting of the nighest Soldiours, that all the Armie betooke themselves to their weapons. And being amazed at this sōdaine Alarme, they all pressed toward the Dukes Tent vpon Pleudippo and Cosmodrill, who with such valour defended themselves, that they which came within their reach, had neuer after any neede of the Chirurgion: and the out-rankes not knowing the cause of these out-cries, pressed on so fast, thronging one another in such sort in the darke, that they all confusedly on heapes fell to warres amēg themselves, so that within lessie then an houre by the valiance of Pleudippo and Cosmodrill, and by their owne mangling and killing one another, there was full twenty thousand of them slaine. Now the Tartarians hearing this clattering of armour and gastily criis among the Muscovians, all marchēd forwarde toward their Camp: but comming nigh, they perceived such an Ocean of bloud to overflow the earth, that daunted with extreme feare, they turned their backes

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backes and fled. Now as they were thus in their flight, the new supply of Musconians being within a mile of the maine Armies, and hearing these Alarms, drew forward with their troupes: meeting with the Tartarians, the Tartarians being all together amazed with feare, thinking that they had there bands beset with their enemies; with all their force rush'd upon them, so that in like manner betwix the Tartarians and Musconians began another most sharpe and cruell battaile. Pleudippo and Cosmodrill being very sore wounded and wearied, seeing the Musconians thus slauhtering one another in this desolat order, and perceiving the day to approach, got out from among them, and departed toward the Citie. Now the Watch men vpon the walles, hearing these tumultuous iarres and great hurly burly in the Musconian Camp, they ranne in all hast to the Palace; where forthwith they made knowne to the King, Princes, and Nobles, what cruell discord they supposed among their enemies: vpon this every man arising from their beds, they all prepared themselves to Armes: now being assembled together, they missed Pleudippo and his Page, Dorosa seeing them missing, presently imagined, that his brother thinking to gaine the Palme of victorie, was with Cosmodrill entred unawares into the Camp. This conceite being once in his brains, he solainly rush'd out of the Citie, commanding the Marqueso to follow after with the Aragonian Armies, for my minde giveth me (quoth he) that Pleudippo and his Page haue thus disquieted the enemies Camp, and how can they but be in most great danger? with this postng on his way, he had not rode full a quarter of a mile, but he espied Pleudippo and Cosmodrill retiring toward the Citie, so weareis with their warlike endeavours, and faint with their exceeding expence of bloud, that they could scarce stand vpon their legges. Dorosa seeing this, fearing their immediate ensuing death, he alighted of his horse, and got Pleudippo vpon his backs, ha-

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himselfe going by on fote : and although he saw Pleudippo in this bodily hazard, yet angry that he was not partaker in this action, Brother (quoth he) thought you your selfe so strong, that you needed not our ayde : or were you so envious, that you scorned any shoud be reputed so valiant as your selfe, that you would deale thus unkindly, not to accept of our company. Pleudippo being so faint, that he could scarce speake ; requested his brother to hold himselfe content, in that his honour was alreadie sufficient, both by his obtained conquest against the Turke, and his great valour shewed the day afore against the Tartarians : and having now (quoth he) obtained the Diadem, and further fully expect the spedie fruition of your loue, what naeue you thus strictly stand vpon any such point ? By this time they being come into the Citie, the King exceding sorie to see them thus fearefully martired, sending for his owne Chirurgians, commanded them with all diligence to shew their greatest skill vpon his Nephew and the Gyant. Dorosa this while thinking to finde the enemies out of order, issued sooth with all the Aragonians to set vpon them at vnawares : but being come to the Camp, they found nothing but their naked Lents, the field flowing with an Ocean of blood, and many them and of dead carckasses floating in the same. Dorosa and the rest being conuincid with heauinesse at this gasty sight, they all returned backe vnto the Citie, wheres having certified the King of this so great confusion, the King, Dorosa, Feraro, and the Marquesse of Rino, went all together into Pleudippoes Chamber, where they found the Chirurgeon searching his wounds, which although they found very dangerous, yet not mortall ; which the King hearing, caused great Triumphes to be made, and other signes of ioy for this so fortunate an end of these so dreadfull warres.

Then comming to Pleudippo : Dears Cousin (quoth hee) wherewithall shall wee bee able to requite you deserft ?

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our whole Domintons could not be sufficient guerdon for the same. God Uncle (quoth Pleudippo) the very kindnesse of your speches is so great a reward for my simple desert, that let this suffice, that vntill the latest houre of my life, I will be alwaies ready to aduenture my selfe in a far more dangerous condicte, either in the defence of your Maiestie or Kingdome. These speches being ended, they all departed his Chamber, leaving Pleudippo to his Chirurgions care.

Now the Sun being risen, the Queene, Lucibella and Flermia, comming out of their Chambers, and hearing of their foes vanquishement by the valor of Pleudippo and his Page, they rejoyced greatly at this long desired event, but hearing on the other side, in what danger of death he remained, the remembraunce of the one hindered the joy of the other. Thus betwene weale and woe they went all three soorthwith to Pleudippoes lodging to visit him. No sooner was Lucibella entred into his chamber, but a vermillion discouered his cheakes, which the Chirurgion espying, conjectured by his outward change of countenance his inward languisiment. The Queene and Flermia being comforting Pleudippo, Lucibella calling the Chirurgion to the window, set to questioning him of the estate of his patient. The Chirurgion stil noting, that although both the Queene and Flermia talked with him, yet his eyes fed onely upon the face and fauour of Lucibella, surely Madame (quoth he) although I hepe not mortall, yet I hold them very dangerous, and so much the more, in that I find a languisiment in the party: and herein (quoth he) if I take not my markes amisse, if you doe not as well play the Physition to his inward disease, as I the Chirurgion to his outward wounds he will hardly escape with safetie.

The Queene and Flermia seeing Pleudippo leath to answere to any of their demands, by reason of the anguish of his new drest wounds, went to the window to the Chirurgion, which Lucibella seeing, leaving them to their talk, returned to Pleudippo, whos fixing his eyes stedfastly upon

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her, lay fit not uttering any word. Lucibella with the yel-
ly teares falling from her eyes, taking her by the hand
and straiting the same tenderly in her own, standing mute
in this matter, at length sweet cousin quoth she what meant
you thus to ha: and you lie among this barley multitude,
to purchase our happiness: how can we bulwark y^e Ladies
y^e al sufficient recompence for our obtained safety, & with
what kindnesse can we requite your so great deserte: Darest
Cousin there be your selfe, and let this be your content,
thogh we cannot counteruaine your cost, that we, and especially I
for my part, to the uttermost of my power, will be-
ever ready to requite this your dure achiedue conquer.

Divine Lady (quoth Pleudippo) the confortable wordes
of whom were sufficient to fetch me from death to life, thinke
it pleaseth you thus gratefully to accept so small a service at
his hands who is your bowes servant vntill death, may I
escape this danger, I shall not only by your fauour be en-
couraged to vnderake sarte greater matters but if I finishe
my daies in any such attempted action, rest contented with
my death, dying in the seruice of such exquiste creatures.
Say god Cousin (quoth Lucibella) doe not once speake of
your untimely death, lest you adde worse tortures, then
deathes tormentes, to my troubled soule: then stroking her
snow white hand tenderly vpon his pale cheekes, twining
his amber coloured lockes with her lilly fingers, chare vpon
your selfe (quoth she) and let not any di content increase
the rage of your deepe and dangerous wounds, but thinkes
What may any way all wage your paine, and you shall not
faile therof: let, I say, but Lucibella understand your
minde, who will not faile to visite you oft, nor to hazard her
owne life to procure your longing. With this the Dukes
and Clermis comming againe to Pleudippo, they all with
prayers for his health, toke their leaues and departed.

No sooner were they gone out of the Chamber, but the
Chirurgeon with earnest oathes of future fidelity, so run-
ningly vndermined him, he wholly related his affection.







